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TOP PROMOTIONS

NSL CLUBS MAKE PROGRESS

JEFF OLVER COLUMN PAGE 9

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE second summer season of the Quit National Soccer League got off to a flying start last weekend with several of the so-called also-rans displaying promising early form.

If last weekend's results are any indication, the 1990/91 season will be closer than most pundits predicted.

And this weekend's draw seems to suggest more upsets are in store for the fans who turned up in good numbers to watch the opening round.

The big double-header on Sunday at Marconi Stadium where the home team joins forces with Melita Eagles in a marvellous promotion to entertain Melbourne's Sunshine George Cross and South Melbourne Hellas is

a step in the right direction and a promoter's dream.

Marconi's home crowd will be super keen to see them

victorious after they shocked by going down 1-0 to rebuilding Sydney Croatia last Sunday.

Both enterprising

clubs deserve to be rewarded with the largest crowd of the round as fans will be treated to first class football, with the added piquancy of interstate rivalry.

The only game not played on Sunday at the weekend is at Brandon Park on Friday night, when Wollongong City, narrowly beaten by Preston yesterday, are home to champions Sydney Olympic at 7pm.

The match marks the official opening of the Brandon Park floodlighting system, thanks to which the Wollongong teams this season will boast one of the best stadiums in the league.

And the appearance by Olympic and their many supporters in the Illawarra district will no doubt help attract a healthy crowd for the gala event.

St George, too are not short of promotional ideas.

When they play Preston at St George Stadium they will inaugurate their novel cash give away coupon policy and fans will also be treated to many more goodies (see story page 17).

It's good to see that promotion has finally come to the NSL in a big way and that the ASF and NSL are now looking for a suitably qualified per-

son to take up the full-time post of marketing and public relations manager.

Melbourne too will have its 'big game' on Sunday when Melbourne Croatia play host to their sister club from Sydney.

Also in Melbourne, Heidelberg will be out to make it two wins in a row in their return to the elite when they are at home to an Apia side that fought back bravely to draw with St George in injury-time yesterday.

The Bergers' fellow new chums, Wollongong Macedonia, undertake the perilous trip to Adelaide to visit powerhouse City, who rarely squander "easy" points at home.

So it's all aboard for Round 2 of the NSL with a bumpy ride facing just about everyone in this early stage of what promises to be another bumper season.

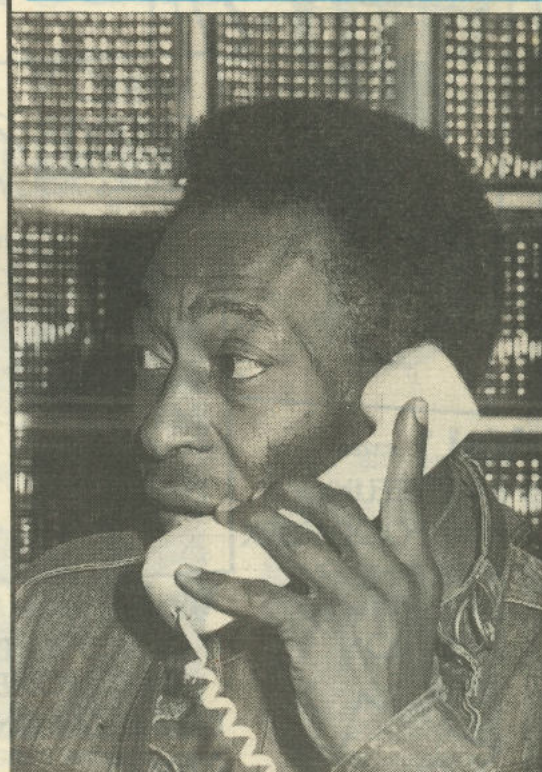


ABOVE: Alex Bundalo on the ball for Apia Leichhardt against St George yesterday. Bundalo stole the show for his side in their 2-2 draw. BELOW: Darren Stewart and Osvaldo El Ali eye the ball. Photo: Steve Gosch.



Randell Easthorpe on the ball yesterday.

PELE — THE MASTER



All-time great Pele will be in Sydney for a magnificent dinner on Monday, November 12. It will take place at the Sydney Football Stadium, and the opportunity will be taken to make the Australian launch of the Pele albums. — Pele on the phone, taken by ASW cameraman JANUSZ KAMMA.

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Promotion for five referees

BY KEITH GILMOUR

FIVE referees have been promoted to the NSL list for the first time.

They are Gordon Dunster (ACT), Alex Spiroski (NSW), Peter Hulme (Qld), Mike Ingham (SA) and David Mortimer (WA). All had to be nominated by their State Divisions and been screened by the Referees' national executive and coach.

State League inspection reports were also checked before appointments were made.

The NSL list includes current FIFA badge holders Richard Lorenc and Gary Power (NSW), Chris Bambridge and Dennis Voutsinas (Vic), Bill Monteverde (Qld) and Barry Harwood (WA). This season is Harwood's last as he reaches 50 in 1991.

South Australian Jim Rossis has retired. ASRF Secretary, Associate Professor Carl Thayer of Canberra, is looking for an excellent showing from the 17 chosen and the three on the supplementary list.

ACT: Gordon Dunster.

NSW: Richard Lorenc, Gary Power, John McConnell, Peter Spiers, Alex Spiroski.

NNSW: Robert



GARY POWER

Davies.

Qld: Bill Monteverde, Peter Hulme.

SA: Tom McRoe, Mike Ingham.

VIC: Chris Bambridge, Dennis Voutsinas, John Fraser, John Santa-Isabel.

WA: David Mortimer, Barry Harwood.

SUPPLEMENTARY: Brett MacKay (Tas), Michael Browning (SA), Milton Pollock (NNSW)

NSL/LINESMAN

NYL OR LINESMAN

ACT: D Watson, M Williamson.

NSW: M Loupis, A Townsend, M Roberts, N Asargiotis, C Smyth, J Bowdler, N Xanthos, E Cohen, K Tooke.

NNSW: B Gradwell, G Finn, D Bartlett, N Jones, D Kurthi.

SA: M Browning, J Papanicolas, T Martell, R Jones, S Vatkovic, J Seymour-Griffin, Z Goricki.

VIC: N Zachariadis, R Simonis, E Brazzale.

A Barnett, C Graser, M Benovic, D Rosie, J Hogg, F Deak, W Dade.

NYL REFEREE OR LINESMAN

NSW 12 teams including: 7 in Sydney, 2 in Newcastle, 2 in Wollongong and 1 in Canberra; VIC 14 teams including: 12 in Melbourne/Geelong and 1 in Adelaide.

ACT: J Jenkins, G Ashurst.

NSW: R Doenau, J Cameron, B McGregor, D Naylor.

NNSW: M Pollock, D Bartlett, B Gradwell.

SA and VIC: to be advised.

NYL/LINESMAN ONLY

ACT: E Van Der Vlist, D Nappo.

NSW: S Lockrey, C Diomis.

NNSW: A Eacott, D Ellam, G Ford.

SA and VIC: to be advised.

NSL/NYL INSPECTORS

ACT: G Dobbin, P Murphy, C Thayer.

NSW: M Buchanan, J de Witt, P Hafey, G Levertton, K Lockrey, W Phelps, D Rennie, R Sandell, T Williams, L Wilson.

NNSW: B Jones, J Reeves.

SA: F Chadwick, B Hosie, B Kerr.

VIC: A Beazleigh, J Finlay, N Ceeney, L Hemmes, J Stojkovic, T Moore.

Baz Giampaolo after NSW medal N° 3

BY PAUL GOODWIN



JOHN KOSMINA

THIS year the NSW Soccer Federation has organized for its Annual Awards to be presented at the Marconi Club, affording rank and file supporters an opportunity to be on hand for this traditional end of season function at an accessible cost.

This prestigious occasion will be conducted at the Bossley Park location for the first time, and will be attended by such luminaries as Bob Rowland-Smith, NSW Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing, Bob Carr, Leader of the Opposition and ASF president John Constantine.

The Gold Award for 1st Division Player of the Year is the main attraction this Wednesday night and medals for 2nd and 3rd Division winners will also be presented.

While the names of the candidates in the lower divisions are less well known, the outcome is eagerly awaited by all those involved at this level of play and will generate much speculation.

The major award

has an added focus this year, since many State League clubs included players on loan from NSL outfits and there will be much interest to see how these better known players polled with the referees, whose weekly votes are tallied at season's end.

Premiers and champions Wollongong Macedonia will wonder, for example, if Greg Brown will come into calculations after some hearty contributions to the team's success, or whether the flair of midfield trio Adam Sandy, John Bradley and Paul Kay will receive greater recognition.

Top scorer member Graeme Fletcher could also take a hand.

Canberra Croatia will put forward Ned Zelic, Alan Reis, George Kulcsar and Tony Lemezina as prime candidates, but can two-time winner Baz Giampaolo of neighbouring Inter Monaro still poll well

enough after his side had such a dismal season.

If he can, he will be the first footballer of any code to take out such an award three years running.

Sutherland only had Graham Arnold and John Kosmina available periodically and it is doubtful if they played enough matches to gather the required votes, although Henry Sobczyk managed to take out the trophy under similar circumstances a few years back.

Grant Bard and the late Alex Hutcheon must figure, however, for they were an integral part of a surprisingly successful side.

Sydney Macedonia's free scoring Scott Gilbert and big defender Mark Reveley are bound to be in contention, while Macedonian rivals Rockdale Ilinden will press the claims of Zlatko Markovski, their superb 'keeper Keith Warren, and it will pay not to

overlook the speedy Greg Lerond.

Glenn Sterrey had a creditable year for his new Warringah Freshwater side and along with Ross Etherington, Steve Knight and Allan Dean is bound to be in the running.

Newcastle's BHP Austral had many in contention, including Robbie Ironside, Bobby Naumov and Gary Phillips.

Howard Tredinnick would have been another, but blotted his copybook in an early game when sent from the field in contentious circumstances.

The hard working John Gibson and Geoff Gunning of Blacktown City stood out like beacons in a very youthful Demons side which peaked late in the season.

Avala would certainly have expected imported striker Miladin Kuc to be prominent, but for a sequence of injuries which left him out of too many games to be a real chance.

John McKie impressed again and the achievements of Steve Berry could have earned him a real tilt at the medal.

North Shore United had a lean trot and perhaps Peter Norman and Glenn Jeffery will be the main names figuring in this contest.

Polonia may provide the winner again this year, for in Jarek Nowicki they had a man who tormented fullbacks all year and his points tally is sure to be high on anyone's list.

Not to be forgotten among the State League regulars are Dragan Pupovac and Tom Divljak of Canterbury Marrickville, but the darkest horse of all could be speedy wingman Nick Oustambasidis who has been to the fore all season for the men from Arlington.

The NSL clubs had many young players on show with far too many to name them all here.

Jeff Allport and Jason Oldridge of Wollongong City and Shawn Freestone of St George must be mentioned, but it is unlikely that the winner will come from these Under-19 sides.

St George committed themselves to the competition however, and players such as Osvaldo El-Ali, Steve Hickman and goalie John Filan, could reap the reward.

For the other NSL outfits, perhaps Steve Refenes of Sydney Olympic can stake a claim and Marconi will point to a number of their youngsters, as will Sydney Croatia.

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Clubs set for great Round 2 clashes

BOTH newcomers Wollongong Macedonia and Heidelberg acquitted themselves well in their first round encounters, only to face equally difficult tasks this weekend.

With literally no time to prepare for the 'big time', Wollongong Macedonia surprised the visiting Melita on Saturday, holding Raul Blanco's charges to a 0-0 draw but have an even more daunting task in facing Macedonia on Sunday.

John Fleming and his Merry Men take on the pride of South Australia, Adelaide City, at Hindmarsh Stadium kicking off at 8pm.

The late inclusions of Tom Pontidas in midfield and central defender Darren Wilson have been necessary to bring Macedonia up to standard, and to avoid early heavy defeats which could prematurely undo their first crack at Australia's top competition.

Zoran Matic, Adelaide City's supremo for many seasons, would be foolish to underestimate his opposition on Sunday as Macedonia, although written off by many scribes, have a side with plenty of pre-

vious NSL experience.

Once again City will field an almost unchanged side as is the norm in Adelaide these days, but with the likely addition of the talented Simon Romaniuk, one of the stars for the AIS in recent seasons.

With a wealth of experience and at home, Adelaide City should be too strong for Macedonia but Fleming's team have the determination and talent to surprise many this season.

Fresh from their 3-1 demolition of Sunshine yesterday, newly promoted Heidelberg play host to the fortunate Apia at Olympic Village on Sunday kicking off at 3pm.

After missing the inaugural summer season, Heidelberg bounced straight back under coach Len McKendry and will prove a handful for Apia.

McKendry dabbled lightly on the transfer scene, signing former Berger George Slifkas from Preston and Les Carter from Sunshine, but with the calibre of former Soccerroo Jeff Olver between the sticks and Gary McDowall at the back, Heidelberg will again be a force to reckon with.

Apia, although they

outplayed St George yesterday, were fortunate to grab an equaliser five minutes into injury time.

The quality of Apia's play was high but without marksman Rod Brown to supply the finishing touches the Leichhardt side look a little toothless.

Manfred Schaefer, their shrewd coach, expects Brown to return in two weeks but against Heidelberg must opt for the powerful presence of Peter Murray, who turned the game around for his side.

New signings Gerry Gomez, Paul McFadden and David Batten will take time to settle in, with McFadden in particular looking dangerous until he ran out of steam in the second half.

If Schaefer includes Murray the sides look evenly balanced and with early points a must a draws appears likely.

CHAMPIONS Sydney Olympic will be the special guests as Wollongong City turn on their new light show at Brandon Park on Friday evening kicking off at 7pm.

Without Edwards, Abbas Saad and Gary Phillips Olympic were expected to strug-

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

gle to defend their crown but inspired by Kevin Hagan the champs blew Adelaide City away yesterday.

Wollongong, always a touch nut to crack, threw the points away at the weekend when they led Preston 2-0 only to go down 3-2 to a Spink hattrick.

The Wolves are another side with wholesale changes to their line up, with notable omissions in Danny Crainie and Randell Easthorpe, while player coach David Ratcliffe has employed a number of players locally and interstate.

City have the added pressure of new kid on the block in rivals Macedonia for supremacy on the south coast and against Champions Olympic look to be out-classed.

First round losers Marconi and Sunshine do battle in the opening match of the Bossley Park double header on Sunday, kicking off at 3pm.

With a host of big name buys in the close season Marconi looked to have an unbeatable line up but came asunder against the new look Sydney Croatia last night.

The likes of Steve Corica, Mark Jones, David Seal and John Markovski will take time to settle into the

improvised, fluent style of coach Berti Mariani.

Sunshine on the other hand were humiliated by newly promoted Heidelberg and will be waiting for the imminent return of star Ossie Latif, outed for much of last season through injury.

Nothing less than both points would satisfy the hierarchy at Marconi following their expensive shopping spree, and it is expected they will get nothing less.

ST GEORGE maestro Frank Arok will hope that the club's novel give away promotion will not be extended to the pitch when they take on a confident Preston on Sunday.

Yesterday the Saints gave Apia "an early Christmas present," as Arok explained, when the Lambert Parkers were let off the hook in the dying stages of their 2-2 draw.

Fullback Scott Baillie in the usual mould of uncompromising Saints defenders is a welcome addition alongside Mike O'Shea and the dominating presence of Andy Koczka.

It is up front where St George are lacking however, where Osvaldo El Ali and Randell Easthorpe are only moderately dangerous if allowed to play.

On the other side of the coin Warren Spink

is back to his scintillating best with a superb hattrick against Wollongong City in Preston's 3-2 opening victory yesterday.

With Oscar Crino and Co looking for a much improved season after last summer's disappointing debacle on and off the pitch, the Saints will have their hands full.

As long as Preston can shackle in form striker Tony Krlovic and control the sporadic raids from Andy Harper they will go a long way towards taking both points at St George Stadium on Sunday.

Melita Eagles will host South Melbourne Hellas in the second leg of the double header at Marconi Stadium kicking off at 5pm on Sunday, after both sides were held to draws on the weekend.

Raul Blanco's Eagles will need a major reshuffle with stars Gus Cerro (suspended) and Aytec Genc (injured) expected to miss the match.

Effectively the Eagles dropped a valuable point against QNSL newcomers Wollongong Macedonia on Saturday and will need the powerful frontline of Marshall Soper, Greg Brown and Geoff Gunning to be on song against the Puskas inspired Hellas.

South Melbourne gleaned a point from their difficult encounter

with Melbourne Croatia yesterday and will be looking to make Melita their first of many victims for the season.

With little change from their squad from last season South Melbourne should be well settled early in the competition and will start favourites against the Eagles despite playing away from home.

The big clash in round 2 should be the derby at Somers Street between Melbourne and Sydney Croatia.

Both clubs picked up valuable points yesterday but the Sydneysiders will be determined to take over the mantle of Australia's premier Croatian club that Melbourne has enjoyed for the past few seasons.

Sydney coach Tony Vrzina had to field a completely new look side after the team was decimated by transfers in the off season, but, led by outstanding performances by Ned Zelic and Velemir Ku-presak, gained a valuable 1-0 victory over last season's grand finalists Marconi last night.

Melbourne Croatia took a point from arch rivals South Melbourne at the weekend but with the losses of Zeljko Adzic and John Markovski may struggle a little this season.

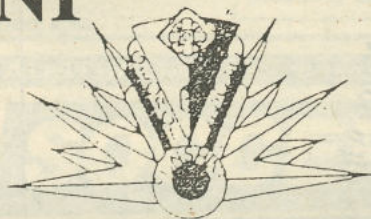
A bumper crowd plus the good early results of both sides should ensure a battle royal on Sunday afternoon.

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Sydney Croatia stuns Marconi

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

SYDNEY Croatia's new boys Gordon Scott and Paul Carter combined to find the winning goal which gave their side a surprise 1-0 victory over hot favourites Marconi at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday night.

A rejuvenated Croatian team showed far more spirit and commitment than a lethargic Marconi who never really got on top of their opponents.

Following a tentative opening, Croatia should have hit the front in the 14th minute when Marconi keeper Bob Catlin was forced off his line in a goalmouth scramble and the ball fell to Robert Runje, whose power drive from 10 metres cannoned off the defence for a corner.

Within minutes,



PAUL CARTER

Croatia were very unlucky not to take a deserved lead with Pedro Ricoy smashing a shot on the turn against the upright after Manis Lamond split the Marconi defence wide open.

At this stage Marconi were struggling to stay in the match.

Marconi looked very uncertain in defence against some slick Croatia moves which were built up from the

back through Ned Zelic and Velimir Kupresak.

Marconi came close though to hitting the front against the run of the play four minutes from the break.

David Seal slipped through the middle, but wasted the opportunity by laying the ball off to David Lowe instead of going through on his own.

Surprisingly enough,

Marconi's much vaunted attack did not have a meaningful shot on target in the first 45 minutes and Croatia goalie Tony Franken was totally idle.

Marconi appeared to start getting attacks together early in the second half without ever dominating the proceedings.

But Croatia hit back in the 65th minute to finally break the deadlock.

A Manis Lamond corner kick was only half cleared by Catlin and when Paul Carter pounced to volley his shot which was blocked on the line, new striker Gordon Scott was on the spot to bury his shot into the far corner.

Marconi responded with a flurry which began to put some pressure on a composed Croatia defence but

were unable to find the equaliser.

Croatia on the other hand hit back on the counter attack and came close on a number of occasions.

From one of these Lamond should have wrapped up the game in the 80th minute when he picked up a clearance from defence which put him in the clear but lost his nerve at the crucial moment, hitting his shot past the advancing Catlin against the post.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 6, Runje 6, Popovic 6 (Grbveski 80m), Zelic 7, Kupresak 7, Ricoy 6, Petkovic 7, Scott 6, Koch 6 (Jurin 88m), Lamond 6, Carter 6.

MARCONI: Catlin 6, Wheatley 6, de Marigny 5 (Mammone 86m), Calderan 5, Jones 5, Corica 5, McCulloch 6, Katholos 5, Seal 5, Markovski 5, Lowe 5.

YELLOW CARDS: Scott, Kupresak, Runje for Croatia; Jones, Mammone for Marconi.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc 6.

CROWD: 5246.



Greg Brown

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg United.....	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Preston.....	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Sydney Olympic.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Sydney Croatia.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
APIA Leichhardt.....	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
St George.....	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Melbourne Croatia.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
South Melbourne.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Melita Eagles.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wollongong Macedonia.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wollongong City.....	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Adelaide City.....	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Marconi.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sunshine GC.....	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Results

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 MELITA EAGLES 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 3390.
SUNSHINE GC (G. Hasler) HEIDELBERG UTD 3 (G. Slifkas, P. Stubbins, S. Cannell) at Skinner Reserve. Crowd: 2500.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (W. Spink 3) WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (M. Kuc, J. Oldridge) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2100.
APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (A. Bundalo, P. Murray) ST GEORGE 2 (T. Krslovic, A. Harper) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 2634.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (P. Tsolakis) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (G. Hannah) at Middle Park. Crowd: 4103.
SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (G. Scott) MARCONI 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5246.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (o.g. T. Tobin, K. Hagan) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (A. Vidmar) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3443.

CROWDS

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2 D. WILSON (W)
1 DIMOV (W)

Apia v Saints

- 3 BUNDALO (A)
2 FILAN (SG)
1 BLAGOJEVIC (A)

Preston v Wollongong

- 3 Zinni (P)
2 Spink (P)
1 Skeen (W)

Syd Olym v Ad City

- 3 Zabica (AC)
2 Ironside (SO)
1 Hooker (SO)

Heidelberg v Sunshine

- 3 Stubbins (H)
2 McDowall (H)
1 Scott (H)

Syd Croatia v Marconi

- 3 Zelic (SC)
2 Kupresak (SC)
1 McCulloch (M)

SM Hellas v Melb Croatia

- 3 Tsolakis (SMH)
2 Milosevic (MC)
1 Durakovic (SMH)

Champions kick off in style

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DEFENDING NSL champions Sydney Olympic continued their blaze of glory in the opening round of the NSL by defeating visiting Adelaide City 2-1 at St George Stadium before a highly excited crowd of 3,443 last night.

No greater pleasing form for the Olympic fans was the spectacular return to form of their expensive striker Scott Ollerenshaw.

Ollerenshaw showed enormous pace and power to prove to the Olympic supporters that he's back in top gear following last season's disastrous form when he was plagued by persistent injuries that forced him to miss the last seven matches.

Olympic's midfield of Grant Lee, Robbie Ironside, Eric Hristodoulou and Steve Refenes, ran Adelaide City off their feet.

Hristodoulou was also another to please greatly. His distribution and work rate were first class whilst the aerial power from the New Zealand connection (Hagan and Ironside) completely dominated the South Australians.

Olympic launched their first serious assault in the 11th minute when Scott Ollerenshaw swung a first-time left-

footed drive from 12 metres, only to see Soccerroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica pull off a magnificent reflex save.

One minute later, Olympic midfielder Eric Hristodoulou fired a low 20-metre drive but again Zabica stood firm.

In the 38th minute drama exploded in Adelaide City's box as successive shots fired in by Grant Lee, Ollerenshaw and Robbie Ironside were all miraculously cleared by the South Australian defence.

Three minutes before half-time Hristodoulou broke clear and deep inside the box let fly with a vicious close range shot, but again the superb Zabica denied Olympic any joy.

Five minutes after half-time disaster struck the South Australians when an Olympic throughball was intercepted by Soccerroo centre-back Alex Tobin.

But Tobin, endeavouring to turn the ball back to his keeper, chipped Zabica, who had come well off his line, and the ball sailed into the City net.

Olympic's joy was short-lived as three minutes later striker Aurelio Vidmar met a fine Joe Mullen cross to head the equaliser past Clint Gosling.

Olympic regained the

lead in the 62nd minute when, from a corner, Ironside headed the ball high across the goal-mouth for lanky Kevin Hagan to nod the ball in.

Olympic were never to lose their lead and



Robert Zabica

held on with great composure.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 5, Barrett 5, Platoniotis 5, Spyridakos 5, Hooker 6, Lee 6, Hristodoulou 6, Ironside 5, Refenes 5, Hagan 5 (Bennett 82m), Ollerenshaw 6.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 8, Shillabeer 5, Tobin 4, Ivanovic 5, T Vidmar 5, Melita 5, Santrac 5, Villani 5, Mullen 5 (Brooks 76m), Maxwell 5, A Vidmar 6.

REFEREE: J Fraser.
CROWD: 3,443.

HEIDELBERG United made a triumphal return to the National League with a crushing 3-1 victory over Sunshine George Cross at Skinner Reserve yesterday.

BY DAVID BULLOCK

Heidelberg made sure their return was a special occasion as they showed George Cross no mercy with a three-goal first half onslaught that left their fans in raptures.

Heidelberg came close to opening the score in the first minute when Stuart Stevenson was denied by George Cross keeper Sean Keogh who saved the powerful goal-bound header.

Mounting extreme pressure, Heidelberg deservedly took the lead in the 13th minute.

Alan Scott after a barnstorming run found George Slifkas on the edge of the goal area.

Picking his spot Slifkas hit a thundering shot from 20 metres straight through the hands of Keogh and into the back of the net.

Six minutes later Angie Goutzoulis cut the ball back into the path of Phil Stubbins who made no mistake in hitting his shot past a hapless Keogh.

Heidelberg keeper Jeff Olver denied George Cross' Scottish import Derek Hunter from scoring with two telling saves in the 27th and 31st minutes.

Heidelberg went 3-0 ahead in the 38th minute when Stubbins had his cross inside the area handled by George Cross defender John Waddell.

Referee Chris Bam-

bridge had no hesitation in awarding a penalty which was easily converted by Stuart Cannell who drove the ball into the bottom right hand corner.

George Cross opened up the second half more positively and cut back the deficit in the 49th minute.

A free kick from David Clarkson was floated across the goal-mouth. With the ball bobbling free, Gary Hasler was on hand to hammer the ball home from close range.

Olver was again called upon to make a big save in the 81st minute when he denied Luciano Fabrizio who hit a powerful shot from 15 metres.

Heidelberg substitute Jim Tsirakis went close to increasing the scoreline in the final minute only to see his goal-bound shot brilliantly cleared off the goal line by Clarkson.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 5, Ketsakidis 5, Roodhouse 4, Waddell 4, McFarlane 4, P Foster (Fabrizio 38m 4), Kindtner 5, Hunter 4, Hasler 4, Clarkson 5, Zacharias 4 (Cranney 45m 3).

HEIDELBERG: Olver 7, Kanesoulis 5, Stevenson 5, McDowall 6, Cannell 6, Scott 6, Stubbins 6, Herd 6 (T Sakiris 83m), Lewis 4, Goutzoulis 6, Slifkas 6.

SCORERS: Hasler 49m for George Cross; Slifkas 13m, Stubbins 19m, Cannell (pen) 38m for Heidelberg.

YELLOW CARDS: Roodhouse 9m for Sunshine; Goutzoulis 43m, Slifkas 62m, Stevenson 62m, Scott 63m for Heidelberg.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge 6.
CROWD: 2,500.

Melbourne giants share points

BY JOHN MANGAN

THE opening round of the 1990-91 NSL season brought together Melbourne's two top teams, South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia who battled to a 1-1 draw at Middle Park on Sunday.

While South Melbourne's display suggested they need more strength in midfield, Melbourne Croatia showed their new boss Ante Grgic that what his team lacks in cohesion it makes up for in determination.

In the heart of the Melbourne Croatia midfield was Theo Selemidis who was making his 300th NSL appearance.

South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne's inform team, went into the game with Paul Trimboli injured and Mike Petersen and Steve Blair doubtful — all victims of last Wednesday's Charity Shield clash against Sydney Olympic.

While South Melbourne Hellas coach Ferenc Puskas played Petersen and Blair, Trimboli's absence put the pressure on Hellas' lightning fast winger Peter Tfolakis.

He produced the goods in only the 11th minute when the home team was awarded a free kick just outside the Melbourne Croatia penalty area.

Tsolakis drilled his free kick at the defensive wall and when, to his surprise, the rebound fell in front of him he made no mistake the second time guiding the ball low into the net.

But Melbourne Croatia was in no mood to give in. The game became physical and Croatia's Francis Awaritefe was lucky to get just a yellow card from referee John Santa-Isabel after a series of hard tackles.

From there on Melbourne Croatia's defence contained the home team and it was Croatia's veteran defender George Hannah who popped up in the penalty area to head home the visitors' equalising goal from a corner kick.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: MacLaren 6, Healy 6 (Fernandes, 46m 5), Postecoglou 6, Durakovic 7, Blair 6, Wade 6, Talladros 5, Petersen 7, Wright 6, (Palasides 75m) Tasios 5, Tsolakis 8.

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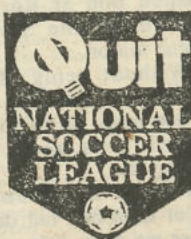
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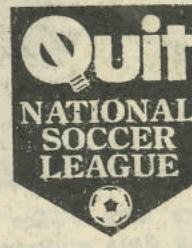
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WEEKEND FIXTURES
ROUND 2



FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

WOLLONGONG CITY v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Brandon Park 7pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

ST GEORGE BSC v PRESTON MACEDONIA
St George Stadium 7pm

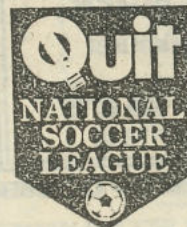
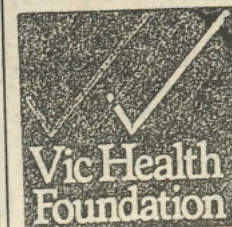
HEIDELBERG UNITED v APIA LEICHHARDT
Olympic Village 3pm

MARCONI v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
Marconi Stadium 3pm

MELITA EAGLES v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
Marconi Stadium 5pm

MELBOURNE CROATIA v SYDNEY CROATIA
Somers Street 3pm

ADELAIDE CITY v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA
Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm





Spink's hat-trick

BY VIC TRAJEVSKI

PRESTON Macedonia striker Warren Spink opened the season in sensational style with a marvellous hat-trick in his team's 3-2 victory over Wollongong City at Connor Reserve yesterday.

In a match filled with mistakes and scrappy play, Preston came from two goals behind to totally overwhelm Wollongong with a powerful second half performance.

Against the run of play Wollongong City took the lead in the 13th minute.

A mistake by Preston defender Shaun Parton was seized upon by young striker Miladin Kuc, who easily beat Preston keeper Phil Traianedes to tap the ball into the back of the net.

In the 29th minute Kuc was brought down by the Heidelberg goalie but referee Denis

Voutsinas waved play on, disallowing the penalty claim.

Wollongong went 2-0 ahead in the 37th minute when Oldridge hit a superb curling shot from just outside the box past a hapless Traianedes, into the left hand corner.

Two minutes later Preston struck back when Kris Trajanovski hit a thundering shot on goal. As the ball split free, Spink simply tapped the ball over the line.

In the 53rd minute Preston drew level when Spink turned Wollongong defender Jock Morlando inside out and hit a beautiful shot

into the back of the net.

Six minutes later Preston took the lead when Trajanovski crossed from the left, finding Spink with only keeper George Bouhoutsis to beat.

Spink made no mistake, planting the ball into the back of the net.

PRESTON: Traianedes 5, Sasevski 5, Jolevski 6, Jack-

son 6, Parton 5, Petrov 4, Zin-
ni 7, Spink 7, R Markovac 5,
Trajanovski 6, J Markovac 5.

WOLLONGONG CITY:
Bouhoutsis 7, Green 5, Holli-
field 5 (Allport 74m), Morlando
5, Cahut 5, Ratcliffe 5 (Higgs
79m), Skeen 7, Hristovski 5,
Oldridge 5, McKinna 5, Kuc 6.

SCORERS: Spink 39th,
53rd and 59th for Preston;
Kuc 13th, Oldridge 37th for
Wollongong.

YELLOW CARDS: Jolevski
44th for Preston.
REFEREE: D. Voutsinas 6.
CROWD: 2,100.

Promising start for newcomers

BY PAUL MURPHY

NEWLY promoted Wollongong Macedonia coach John Fleming pulled the right rein when he signed rangy central defender Darren Wilson only hours before Saturday's scoreless draw with Melita Eagles at Brandon Park.

Wilson combined perfectly with Lupcho Dimov to harness the dual threat of Greg Brown and Marshall Soper in an entertaining match.

Fleming, back in the NSL after a break of 18 months, didn't have to look far for Wilson as he coached him at Rockdale during the State League season.

"Without being disrespectful, I inherited a defence made up of soccer midgets here," Fleming said.

"I knew if I didn't find at least one tall defender we were going to be in big trouble and I couldn't be happier with the way the boys went."

Wollongong dominated the first half against a Melita side which looked lethargic and seemed to be having trouble stringing passes together.

Although Melita got their act together better after the interval, Wollongong looked the better side overall.

Melita lost midfielder Gus Cerro 11 minutes from the end when he was sent off for a bad tackle on Wollongong fullback John Cavanagh.

Cavanagh had picked up a yellow card in the first half for the tackle which resulted in Aytok

Genc being replaced by Len Vial.

Melita coach Raul Blanco said after the game he thought Cavanagh was fortunate to escape a red card.

"The injury is a knee ligament and Genc could be out for some



JOHN FLEMING

time," the coach said.

Blanco said his players were also upset that Soper was denied a goal six minutes from the end after good play from Greg Dickinson and Hugo Gimenez.

In what looked a hair-line decision, Soper was ruled to be offside.

Earlier, Geoff Gunning should have given Melita the lead when he headed over the top with the goal at his mercy after an overhead kick from Soper.

In the last minute, McPherson saved the visitors when he did well to hold a stinging drive from Macedonia striker Graeme Fletcher.

Despite rain and a gusty wind, the game provided many bright moments with Macedonia indicating they are going to be tough for any side to beat.

If Fleming can come up with a central striker to partner Fletcher allowing Brett Thornthwaite to operate out wide, the side will win their share of games.

WOLLONGONG : Wil-
son 6, Cavanagh 6, D. Wilson
7, Dimov 7, Bourke 6, Kay 6,
Pontidas 6, Cabassi (Sandy
13m, 6), Markovski 7 (Bradley
81m), Fletcher 7,
Thornthwaite 6.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 7, Dickinson 7, Callanan 6, Barrios 6, Gonzalez 6, Cerro (sent off 84m), Genc (Vial 23m, 6), Gimenez 6, Soper 7, Brown 7, Gunning 6 (Mason 79m).

REFEREE: Rob Davies 7.
CROWD: 3390.

Super sub Murray to Apia's rescue

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Saints skipper Andy Koczka (right) in full cry yesterday — STEPHEN GOSCH Photo.

PETER Murray, Apia-Leichhardt's Olympic squad member, came off the bench to score the equaliser five minutes into injury time to save Apia a vital league point in their 2-2 draw against St George at Lambert Park.

St George was leading 2-1 and looked as if they had both points when Murray performed his miracle in the 95th minute.

Newly signed midfielder Gerry Gomez busted clear and knocked the ball onto his left to set Murray streaking away but the former Newcastle striker, under enormous pressure, made no mistake and slammed a rocket into John Filan's net from inside the box seconds before referee John McConnell blew fulltime.

Apia coach Manfred Schaefer said after the match: "We showed lots of character to come back after being down two goals, but I was delighted we saved a point."

The crowd got good value for their money, with action aplenty, two penalties, a fire brigade rushing to the ground and four good goals netted.

The first half, ironically, was all Apia as right midfielder Alex Bundalo carved up St George on four occasions to set up chances for his side.

Bundalo, the man of the match, showed great creativity to set up Shane Clinch in the 11th, Paul McFadden in the 22nd and 26th, and Gerry Gomez in the 44th minutes, but all failed to hit the target.

Saints, having survived the first session thanks to Apia's poor shooting and two magnificent saves by Filan, opened the score

seven minutes after the break through a penalty.

To add some fire to the game, a blaze broke out in bushes near the railway track end of Lambert Park which spread quickly along the fence.

Giant striker Tony Krslovic was fouled in the box by defender Milan Blagojevic, allowing Krslovic to score with a soft penalty.

St George rocked the dominant Apia with yet another goal just four minutes later through midfielder Andy Harper. Matthew Bingley blasted a hot drive from the right which was cleared by the Apia defence only as far as the feet of Harper.

With Apia's defence hesitant, from 16 metres out Harper lobbed a high ball into the box which cannoned off Brett Hughes' right post and ricocheted into the net.

Apia was able to pull back a goal in the 71st minute through a penalty against St George sweeper Andy Koczka for a handball offence. That man Bundalo made no mistake from the 11 metre mark.

For Apia, Bundalo, Blagojevic, McFadden and Murray excelled whilst for Saints, Filan, Koczka, and Mike O'Shea were good value.

APIA: Hughes 6: Blagojevic 7, Stewart 6, M. Brown 6 (K Okon 64m), Jennings 6: Bundalo 8, Ellem 6, Clinch 6, Gomez 6: McFadden 7, Batten 6 (Murray 60m).

ST GEORGE: Filan 8, Milecevic 6, O'Shea 7, Koczka 7: Bingley 6, Moffitt 6, Harper 6, Baillie 6: Krslovic 6, Easthorpe 6, (Kotsias 65m), All 6 (Kakadios 80m).

YELLOW CARDS: M Brown 57m Gomez 90m for Apia; Easthorpe 58m and Baillie 74m for St George.

SCORERS: Bundalo 71m and Murray 95m for Apia, Krslovic 55m, Harper 59m for St George.

REFEREE: John McConnell 8.

Crowd, 2,634.

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Apia man of the man Alex Bundalo on the prowl — STEVE GOSCH Photo.

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	NORWICH	1	2-0*
	ASTON VILLA	SUNDERLAND	2	3-0
	CRYSTAL PALACE	LEEDS	3	1-1
	LIVERPOOL	DERBY	4	2-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	MAN. CITY	COVENTRY	5	2-0
	Q.P.R.	TOTTENHAM	6	0-0
	SHEFF. UTD.	WIMBLEDON	7	1-2
	SOUTHAMPTON	CHELSEA	8	3-3*
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BARNLEY	OXFORD UTD.	9	3-0
	BRIGHTON	SWINDON	10	3-3*
	BRISTOL R.	SHEFF. WED.	11	0-1
	LEICESTER	NOTTS. C.	12	2-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	MILLWALL	WEST BROM.	13	4-1
	NEWCASTLE	PORTSMOUTH	14	2-1
	OLDHAM	BLACKBURN	15	1-1*
	PLYMOUTH	IPSWICH	16	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	PORT VALE	CHARLTON	17	1-1*
	WATFORD	MIDDLESBRO	18	0-3
	WEST HAM	HULL	19	7-1
	WOLVES	BRISTOL C.	20	4-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	BOLTON	STOKE	21	0-1
	BRADFORD C.	BRENTFORD	22	0-1
	CAMBRIDGE U.	BURY	23	2-2*
	CREWE	WIGAN A.	24	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	FULHAM	ROTHERHAM	25	2-0
	GRIMSBY	SWANSEA	26	1-0
	HUDDERSFIELD	LEYTON O.	27	1-0
	PRESTON	EXETER	28	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	READING	BIRMINGHAM	29	2-2*
	SHREWSBURY	MANSFIELD	30	0-3
	TRANMERE	CHESTER	31	1-2
	BURNLEY	YORK	32	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 9	CHESTERFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	33	0-0
	DARLINGTON	HEREFORD	34	3-1
	GILLINGHAM	ROCHDALE	35	2-2*
	HALIFAX	SCUNTHORPE	36	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 10	HARTLEPOOL	MAIDSTONE	37	1-0
	STOCKPORT	PETERBORO	38	2-1

RESERVE MATCHES

* VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	WOKING	AYLESBURY	39
	DUNDEE U.	HIBERNIAN	40
	DUNFERMLINE	CELTIC	41
	HEARTS	S. JOHNSTONE	42
* SCOT. PREM. DIVISION	MOTHERWELL	ABERDEEN	43
	RANGERS	ST. MIRREN	44
	BRECHIN	FORFAR	45
	CLYDE	PARTICK	46
* SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	FALKIRK	MEADOWBANK	47
	HAMILTON	AIRDRIE	48
	KILMARNOCK	AYR	49
	MORTON	CLYDEBANK	50
* SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	RAITH	DUNDEE	51
	ALBION R.	QUEENS P.	52
	DUMBARTON	E. STIRLING	53
	EAST FIFE	COWDENBATH	54
* SCOTTISH DIVISION 3	MONTROSE	ARBROATH	55

* VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

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47	59	54	57	49	53	52	47												
55	48	38	55	52	55	54	50												
50	56	56	64	64	77	59	54												
56	69	60	71	55	58														

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 271 SAT 6 OCTOBER, 1990

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
8, 10, 17, 23, 29, 35.
Supplementary Number: 15.

English division one										Hibernian										
Liverpool	8	8	0	0	19	5	24			Dunfermline	7	1	2	3	3	7	10	4		
Arsenal	8	5	3	0	16	5	18			St Mirren	7	1	2	4	7	10	4			
Tottenham	8	4	0	11	3	16				Scottish division one										
Crystal Palace	8	4	0	13	6	16				Airdrieonians	8	7	1	0	27	7	15			
Manchester City	8	4	1	3	10	10	13			Hamilton	8	6	1	1	10	3	13			
Manchester United	8	4	1	3	10	12	13			Raith	8	5	2	1	12	5	11			
Luton	8	4	1	3	10	12	13			Dundee	8	4	2	1	10	9	9			
Leeds	8	3	3	2	11	8	12			Falkirk	8	3	2	3	14	12	8			
Aston Villa	8	3	2	3	13	10	11			Kilmarnock	8	3	2	3	11	13	8			
Wimbledon	8	2	4	2	8	10	10			Clydebank	8	3	2	3	11	13	8			
Queen's Park Rangers	8	2	3	3	12	11	9			Partick	8	2	4	1	11	12	7			
Nottingham Forest	8	2	3	3	13	16	9			Ayr	8	2	4	1	11	12	7			
Chelsea	8	2	2	4	9	11	8			Meadowbank	8	1	2	4	8	13	5			
Qpventry	8	2	2	4	11	15	8			Forfar	8	1	2	4	7	13	4			
Southampton	8	2	2	4	11	15	8			Clyde	8	1	0	6	6	13	2			
Sunderland	8	1	3	4	10	15	6			Morton	7	0	1	6	5	13	1			
Norwich	8	2	0	6	7	17	6			Brechin	7	0	1	6	5	13	1			
Everton	8	1	2	4	11	13	5			Scottish division two										
Sheffield United	8	0	3	5	6	14	3			East Fife	8	6	2	0	16	7	14			
Derby	8	0	2	6	4	15	2			Stranraer	8	5	1	2	11	7	11			
English division two										Queen's Park	8	5	0	3	13	7	10			
Oldham	10	7	3	0	18	7	24			Stenhousemuir	8	4	2	2	13	8	10			
Sheffield Wednesday	10	7	2	0	22	6	23			Berwick	8	4	0	4	13	10	8			
West Ham	10	5	5	0	19	7	20			Alloa	8	4	0	3	11	8	8			
Millwall	10	5	4	0	18	8	19			Cowdenbeath	8	4	0	3	10	10	8			
Notts County	10	6	0	3	17	12	18			Montrose	8	2	1	5	12	14	5			
Holverhampton	10	4	4	2	18	10	16			Arbroath	8	2	1	5	12	14	5			
Barnsley	10	5	1	3	18	13	16			Dumbarton	8	1	3	4	7					
Huddersbrough	10	4	3	2	15	6	15			English division three										
Newcastle	10	4	3	2	10	7	15			2 Norwich										
Swindon	10	4	3	3	15	14	15			3 Sunderland										
Brighton	10	4	2	3	15	18	14			1 Leeds										
Bristol City	10	4	1	3	11	13	13			2 Berby										
Ipswich	10	4	1	3	10	16	12			2 Coventry										
Port Vale	10	3	3	4	10	16	12			Queen's Park Rangers										
Plymouth	10	3	2	5	16	17	11			Sheffield United										
Blackburn	10	3	1	6	16	18	10			3 Walsledon										
Hull	10	2	4	4	14	24	10			3 Chelsea										
West Bromwich	10	3	3	3	9	12	9			Playing Sundays										
Leicester	10	3	3	0	7	12	25			Nottingham Forest										
Portsmouth	10	2	2	6	15	21	8			English division four										
Charlton	10	1	3	5	8	14	6			Barnsley	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Bristol Rovers	10	2	2	5	10	14	5			Brighton	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Oxford	10	2	2	6	12	23	5			Bristol Rovers	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Watford	10	2	2	7	4	15	2			Leicester	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
English division three										Millwall	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Southend	10	3	0	1	21	13	24			Newcastle	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Grimsby	10	3	1	19	9	22				Port Vale	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Reading	10	5	3	1	19	12	18			West Ham	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Stoke	10	5	2	15	9	17				Watford	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Birmingham	10	4	5	0	13	8	17			West Ham	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Brentford	10	4	4	1	13	8	16			Wolverhampton	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Tranmere	10	4	3	2	17	10	15			English division four										
Bury	10	4	3	2	13	11	15			Barnsley	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Exeter	10	4	1	4	10	8	13			Brentford	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Cambridge	10	3	4	2	12	13	13			Cambridge	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Huddersfield	10	4	1	4	9	10	13			Crewe	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Leyton Orient	10	4	0	5	11	12	12			Fulham	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Preston	10	3	3	3	12	16	12			Grimsby	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Chester	10	3	2	4	12	16	11			Huddersfield	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Wigan	10	3	2	4	12	16	11			Preslon	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Bradford	10	3	1	5	9	12	10			Reading	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Bournemouth	10	2	3	4	10	11	9			Shrewsbury	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Mansfield	10	2	2	5	9	11	8			Tranmere	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Swansea	10	2	2	5	7	15	8			Played Fridays										
Crewe	10	2	1	6	14	17	7			Southend	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Shrewsbury	10	2	1	6	14	15	7			English division five										
Fulham	10	1	4	4	8	13	7			Barnsley	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Bolton	10	2	1	6	9	17	7			Chesterfield	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Rotherham	10	1	2	6	12	20	5			Darlington	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
English division four										Gillingham	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Torquay	10	6	3	0	17	9	21			Hull	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Burnley	10	4	4	1	16	10	16			Hartlepool	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Stockport	10	4	4	1	14	8	16			Lincoln	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Rochdale	10	4	4	1	14	10	16			Stockport	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Darlington	10	4	3	2	13	7	15			Torquay	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Doncaster	10	5	0	3	13	8	15			Walsall	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Nottingham	10	4	3	2	12	11	15			Played Fridays										
Cardiff	10	3	3	1	11	7	14			Cornhill	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Peterborough	10	3	3	2	9	7	13			Playing Sundays										
Haidstone	10	4	0	4	14	8	12			Scarborough	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Gillingham	10	3	3	3	12	12	11			Scottish premier division										
Blackpool	10	3	2	4	11	10	11			Aberdeen	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Hereford	10	2	4	3	10	18	10			Celtic	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Scarborough	10	2	4	2	8	10	10			Bundes United	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Hartlepool	10	3	1	4	11	15	9			Abandoned after 62 minutes - pitch waterlogged										
Carlisle	10	2	3	4	9	17	9			Hibernian	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Scunthorpe	10	1	5	3	10	13	8			Rotherwell	10	3	3	3	18	13	16			
Walsall	10	1	5	3	9	12	8			Scottish division one										
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Wrexham	10	1	3	3	8	12	6			1 Falkirk										
Halifax	10	2	2	6	0	9	2			4 Forfar										
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Rangers	7	3	3	1	9	5	9			(pitch waterlogged)										
Dundee United	7	3	3	1	9	8	9			1 Hamilton										
Aberdeen	7	3	2	2	9	8	8			Scottish division ten										
Celtic	7	3	1	3	8	4	7			Allan										
Motherwell	7	2	2	3	11	11	6			(pitch waterlogged)										
St. Johnstone	7	2	2	3	7	10	6			Queen's Park										
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Torquay	10	6	3	0	17	9	21			Berwick										
Burnley	10	4	4	1	16	10	16			Dunbarton										
Stockport	10	4	4	1	14	8	16			East Fife										
Rochdale	10	4	4	1	14	10	16			Queen's Park										
Darlington	10	4	3	2	13	7	15			Montrose										
Dundee	10	5	0	3	13	8	15			1 Stirling										
Doncaster	10	4	3	2	12	11														

Harrison's scoring prowess brings NSL club offers

BY DAVID BULLOCK

WITH the gruelling 34 match State League season finally over, Kevin Harrison, Green Gully's outstanding goal machine, has virtually slipped through the entire season totally unnoticed, even though he finished equal second on the goalscorers list with 20 goals.

While the likes of Heidelberg's Paul Lewis, Croydon's Andy Humble and Juventus's Steve Smith have gained a high profile for their goalscoring abilities, Harrison has managed to keep a low profile since his arrival at Green Gully early in the 1989 season.

Originally from England where he played for Northwich Victoria in the G.M. Vauxhall Conference, Harrison spent two seasons in the New Zealand National League with Mt Maunganui before stepping onto Australian shores with his family.

His first season with Green Gully proved to be an overwhelming success as he found the back of the net on 17 occasions in 22 matches, which included helping himself to five goals in Green Gully's 6-1 demolition of Ringwood City in round 28.

Along with his 17 goals, he formed a lethal striking trio with Tommy Daly and John Metaxas that netted 40 goals over 21 games.

With the 1990 season extended after the proposed Super League was canned, Harrison immediately set about to better his 1989 achievements

with the knowledge that he would have more games to play than he first thought.

"I wanted to better last year. When I realised it was going to be a large competition I was hoping to do much better".

"I didn't set myself a target as such, number wise, I just wanted to do better than last season", he said.

Harrison started the season struggling to find the back of the net, but as the season wore on, he gradually began to creep up the goalscorers list with a minimum of fuss.

Harrison concedes

don't tend to mark me as a danger".

Recently though, Harrison has come under the microscope.

Wollongong coach and former Soccerroo, David Ratcliffe made

inquiries about his availability for the coming National League summer season, but Harrison turned down the approach for the sake

of his family.

"My family and I haven't been in Melbourne long, we are trying to put some roots down".

"It would have been a big move to Wollon-

gong, and I had to turn it down".

But Harrison still has not ruled out the possibility of a move into the NSL ranks should he get approached from a

Melbourne club.

"If the right offer came along, I think I would have a go.

"It would depend on a few things, but the bottom line would be yes!"

On the other hand, Harrison has enjoyed his time at Green Gully, though he realises it may be time to move on.

GOALSCORERS AFTER FINAL ROUND OF VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE 1990

ALBION TURK GUCU:

9. Kadlicek
7. Douglas
6. Patsaman
5. Azzopardi
4. Freund
3. Karayel
- Samardzija
1. Gagic
- MacLeod
- Wallace

- McIntyre
- Andrieri
- Davidson
- Dimitrakis
- Lavale
- Rice

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS:

17. Smith
9. Lane
5. Egan
- McNichol
3. Patterson
2. de Amicis
- Napoli
- Sabatino
- Minchinello
1. Marley
- Nori
- Woodall

BULLEEN VENETO:

11. Tuck
10. Livingstone
7. Incantalupo
- Thodis
6. Grbac
5. Branov
1. Curulli
- Ruccia
- Valentic
- Vesnaver

CAULFIELD CITY:

16. Pappas
3. Romero
- Tsiakos
- Kalogeros
2. Donnelly
- Greenwood
- Filipou
1. Aretis
- Bitsonis
- Dimovski
- Fattore
- Papadopoulos
- Bratten

CROYDON CITY:

20. Humble
13. Klepac
6. Brimmer
4. Runje
3. Brack
- McMillan
- van Egmond
2. McArthur
1. Dobson

FAWKNER AZZURRI:

10. Hanna
9. Stevancevic
8. Emmanuelle
7. Lucceshi
- Cardwell
6. O'Dell
2. Blagojevic
1. Marchett
- Lujic

FRANKSTON PINES:

6. Keenan
4. Miller
3. Hodgson
2. Gillard
1. Rolleman
- Ross
- Sweeney
- Weir
- McMinimee

GREEN GULLY:

20. Harrison

9. Daly
7. Smart
5. Kotzamichalis
4. Faulkner
3. Burlak
- Wilson
2. Pender
- Ciantar
1. Chetcuti
- Grimaud

HEIDELBERG U.A.

21. Lewis
11. Stubbins
- Goutzoulis
- Cannell
8. Stevenson
3. Herd
- Carter
- McDowell
2. Tsarikis
- Ousalakas
1. Raynes
- Scott

MELBOURNE CITY JUST:

10. Retre
9. Becvinovski
5. Cazin
- Fatoric
4. Naumovski
1. McMinimee
- Murray
- Lasic

MOOROOLBARK:

12. Brogan
7. McCallum
5. French
4. Heys
3. Campbell
2. Reid
- Burton
1. Kincaid
- Turner
- House

MORWELL FALCONS:

9. Wright
8. Byrne
5. E. Cassar
- Scott
4. Nelson
- McGrellis
2. Bingham
- Cain

1. Clarke
- Doyle
- A. Cassar

NORTHCOTE CITY:

9. Anezakis
6. Cocker
- Iliopoulos
5. Mills
- Ramos
3. J. Contsantinou
- Tsangas
2. Harris
- N. Constantinou
- Kouremenos
1. Palmaricciotti
- Angalopoulos

RINGWOOD CITY:

8. Maguire
6. Corvan
- Plank
5. Walker
4. Brown
- Shannon
2. May
1. Dixon
- Muir
- Jones

ST ALBANS DINAMO:

13. Eres
7. Pondeljaj
4. Basara
3. Alilovic
2. Colina
- Gagula
- Troglic
1. Cahut
- Morovic
- Skenderovic

THOMASTOWN:

6. Cristaldo
- McAleer
5. Athersych
4. Zemunik
- McLaren
3. Sinclair
- Taylor
- Di Martino
2. Giaccherini
- Hennessey
- Mihos
1. Tsangos

TOTAL OWN GOALS (30)



ANDY HUMBLE — finished second with Kevin Harrison on the 1990 Victorian State League scoring list.

he is still an unknown quantity in State League circles, but he realises many people are still getting to know him.

"People tend not to look at me as much because they don't really know who I am," exclaimed Harrison.

"Players such as Lewis and Humble have been around a lot longer than I have and defenders know their game, where they

ALTONA GATE VARDAR:

13. McMullen
6. Tasevski
- Tortevski
4. Todorovski
3. Georgievski
2. Aslimovski
1. Davis
- Mitrovski
- Micevski
- Reilly
- Stojevski

BOX HILL:

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- Christie
- McGeachey

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Costly Charity Shield win to Sth Melbourne

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne's hopes for a successful opening to the 1990/91 campaign proper took a nosedive as it won a rough-and-tumble Charity Shield final 2-1 at Olympic Park last Wednesday.

Tragedy struck for last season's cup winner as it lost Paul Trimboli, Mike Petersen and Steve Blair with injury in a hard-fought duel with reigning champion Sydney Olympic.

All three were doubtful for South's opening round clash with Melbourne Croatia and two, Trimboli and Blair, might be missing for a longer period.

And for the second time in a week Olympic Park copped a blast — this time from Souths players who said that the sand-covered centre of the pitch was inadvertently to blame for each of the injuries.

"It's not just coincidence (that all the injuries occurred in the sandy area)," said Mike Petersen, who was nursing a strained knee.

"That ground is only fit for rugby — when is soccer going to get some priority in this country?"

Trimboli is looking at at least two to three weeks out at this stage after having sustained possible torn ligaments in his right knee.

Blair was stretched from the ground concussed, with blood streaming from his nose



PAUL TRIMBOLI

and a gash on his forehead after an accidental clash with Kevin Hagan.

Blair was taken to hospital for treatment.

Steve Tasios, himself clutching an ice-pack to his left leg, said the injuries were sustained as players "stuck" in the sandy surface.

As for the game itself, both sides did enough to suggest that they'll both be contesting the finals in tandem for the second season in succession.

The Melbourne side took the initiative early and was rewarded with a somewhat lucky 22nd minute goal when Kimon Taliadoros ran on to Steve Tasios' pass and Tasios was on the end of the return ball which he seemed to mis-hit but which lobbed over the head of a stunned Clint Gosling.

Olympic equalised on the half hour when Ollerenshaw received from Robert Ironside and wrong-footed Bruce MacLaren with a shot which took a deflection off defender David Healy.

A powerful Peter Tsolakis volley two minutes into the second half regained the lead

for Hellas but with injuries taking their toll the Melbourne side had to hang on for a slender victory against a determined Olympic side.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren, Healy, Postecoglou, Durakovic, Blair (Fernandes 48), Wade, Taliadoros, Petersen (Wright 38), Trimboli (Michaelakopoulos 25), Tasios, Tsolakis.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Hooker, Spyridakos, Haniotis (Platinotis HT), Hristodoulou, Ironside, Lee, Hagan (Sorris 70), Ollerenshaw, Refenes.
REFEREE: C Bambridge.
CROWD: approx 1500.

JEFF OLVER COLUMN



Victorian talent goes on parade

THE talent identification scheme ranks high in the priorities of development in Victoria.

The weekly sessions featuring the state's most talented youngsters from 12/15 years are a sight to behold, and augurs well for the future.

However, coaching sessions must be supplemented with further education.

Victoria, the national U15 champions, are currently in Italy to learn some secrets from the great soccer nation

through games and some specialised coaching.

The players with their coach John Collangelli and manager Ken Slack have undergone a huge fund-raising effort to help further their soccer knowledge.

Also, I would like to congratulate the eight boys who have been picked in the training squad for the Australian U17 team.

We wish the squad a safe and successful tour.

The U12 development squad had a successful trip to Canberra and mixed with the ACT Academy squad.

They played some games and had an opportunity to experience travelling, billeting and playing.

It provided a useful measure of their progress as well as giving them a good fun weekend.

At the same time the State U13 team coach Tom Newbiggen, manager Norm Wood and the squad arrived in Darwin for the national talent identification programme.

After months of hard work the games will help state director of coaching Tim White to determine their future development programme.

VICTORIAN GOLD MEDAL

Claude Lucchesi triumphs

BY DAVID BULLOCK

EVERGREEN Fawkner star Claude Lucchesi took the Gold Medal for Victorian Player of the Year by a huge margin from Tyrone James and the rest of the field.

Lucchesi, 34, in his 19th season, joined Fawkner early in the year after stints with Brunswick Juventus, Preston Makedonia, Green Gully and Heidelberg United.

He is the first ever player-coach to win the Victorian award.

Lucchesi obtained 48 votes.

Runner-up was former Melbourne JUST and Sunshine George Cross defender Tyrone James, of Albion Turk Gucu.

Receiving his medal from the Premier, Mrs Kirner, Lucchesi thanked Fawkner's previous coach, Cedo Cirkovic, for having persuaded him to come out retirement for one more season.

He added that he had agreed to act as player-coach again next season.

"I felt quite comfortable despite my advancing years and I can certainly put in another season," he said.

The voting was: 48 votes: C Lucchesi (Fawkner); 32: T James (Albion Turk Gucu); 29: A Kotzamalialis (Green Gully); 28: P Ramos (Northcote); 26: B Thomas (Box Hill); 25: E Cassar (Morwell Falcons), D Tuck (Bulleen); 24: A Scott (Heidelberg); 21: D Hennessy (Thomas-town), M Wilson (Green Gully), F DeAmicis (Juventus), A O'Dell (Fawkner); 20: A Humble (Croydon).

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- 1977 — David Baker (StK Hakoah)
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- 1987 — Paul Harris (Caulfield)
- 1988 — Martin Woodall (Northcote)
- 1989 — Velimir Kupresak (St Albans)

Mildura promotion for Victoria v SA

BY GREG BLAKE

THE state match between Victoria and South Australia in Mildura this weekend will complete one of the Victorian Soccer Federation's most ambitious promotions in recent times.

The Saturday (Oct 13) fixture at the Mildura Showground, kicking off at 8 pm, will be just one of the events planned by the VSF for the area over a 10-day period.

Other events include a sportsman's night at the Coomealla Memorial Club, shopping centre promotions, clinics, a local league representative fixture and a junior game.

The man who has done much of the work behind getting events off the ground, Victorian director of coaching Tim White, believes soccer is "a sleeping giant" in the area.

"There's an awful lot of interest up there in the Mildura area but there just isn't too much happening for them," White told ASW.

"We needed to give them a kick-along."

The ten days of events commenced with a level one coaching course for local junior coaches but action really hots up this weekend, starting on Friday night with a sportsman's night at the Coomealla Memorial Club.

The club, which is the major sponsor of the interstate clash, will be host to guests Keith Stackpole (cricket), Eddie Thomson (Socceroo coach), Ray 'Slug'

Jordan (Aussie rules and cricket) and Tony Liberatore (Aussie rules Brownlow Medal winner for 1990) who will form the panel of experts for the evening.

The Victorian and South Australian state soccer teams will also attend and will also promote the game in the city's major shopping plaza on the day of the game.

And according to White his "young but experienced" team should do well against the South Australians.

The main match will be preceded by a representative game between the Riverland League (South Australia) and the Sunraysia League (Victoria).

The Victorian under-12 development squad will take on a junior Sunraysia League side on October 14.

The Victorian senior squad for the interstate game is: Croydon: McKinlay, Brack, van Egmond, Humble. B. Juventus: Smith, De Amicis, Bulleen: Krajacic, Grbac, Valentic. Northcote: Harris. Green Gully: Kotzamalialis. Melbourne JUST: Retre, Becovinovski. Altona Gate: Stojevski. Springvale: Brian.

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Joe Caleta of Melbourne Croatia flies for a header in the Dockerty Cup final against Brunswick Juventus last Sunday week.

Aussie battle for top tourists

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Australia will continue to battle to entice overseas teams to Australia, ASF secretary Alan Vessey says.

"People have got to understand you can't

put things into place overnight.

"International sides are not queuing up to come half-way round the world to play Australia," he said.

"I have some experience of the diffi-



culties involved in bringing a team like Liverpool to this part of the world.

"They just don't want to travel that far when they can go to Europe or the United States for far less trouble.

"In the days before the Middle East crisis countries like Kuwait would send a plane to pick them up and fly them home again.

"We simply can't match offers like that."

Asked if FIFA should not accept some responsibility in this area in order to develop the game in "third world" soccer countries, Vessey said FIFA believed it to be the task of regional confederations or national associations.

"They recognise soccer has difficulties here and funding from the royalties of the World Cup will allow for a considerable amount of development within the Oceania Confederation.

"In other areas we have to recognise and accept that we must take the initiatives ourselves.

Vessey confirmed there had been contacts with Czechoslovakia over a possible two-match tour in February.

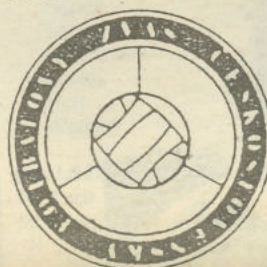
We have indicated an interest, but the one thing we have to do is ensure the Czechs bring the team the Australian public associates with them after the World Cup series — it's a problem we have with all visiting national teams.

"We will be playing England on June 1 and negotiations are well advanced for our entry in the South Korean President's Cup competition which we lost to the home side on penalties last time.

"We are also looking for a three-nation tournament in late June, involving possibly Denmark and another side."

On the national front, Vessey reiterated the ASF's commitment to the Bradley Report.

"We are about to implement it in a number of areas.



"It may seem surprising, but we will be appointing our first full-time accountant, work that in the past has been shared by the general manager of the NSL and the ASF executive director.

"The combined income and expenditure of the QNSL and the ASF can now be measured in the millions of dollars and you can't afford to have that aspect operating without a specialist.

"The new national director of coaching and development officer have been appointed, and we are also looking at another person to service the

needs of our sponsors and the media."

Vessey said the only aspect of the Bradley Report open to review was that affecting promotion and relegation from the QNSL.

And while the QNSL clubs appear to have other ideas, he re-stated the ASF position that after the 1990/91 summer season "every team is up for review".



"Under the Bradley Report every team is there by invitation, not by right, and in that first season (1991/92) the board of commissioners will determine the 14 teams.

"There is a place for Canberra, Newcastle and Brisbane — but it is not an automatic place. They have to prepare themselves in the proper manner.

"These clubs must convince the board of commissioners, but the important thing is that once they have done that, a place will be available for them."

VLADO OUT

SOCCEROO Vlado Bozinoski was in the news in Portugal last Sunday week, but for all the wrong reasons.



Bozinoski, a regular starter these days for glamour Portuguese side Sporting, was sent off for fighting with an opponent during his side's 2-1 win over Estrela Amadora.

The former Melbourne JUST midfielder has been a vital cog in the Lisbon team's great start to the season.

NSW 2ND DIVISION

ASW regrets that Paul Goodwin's wrap-up of the 1990 Second Division season has had to be held over.

Apart from the interesting story, included are the team of the year as selected by the coaches and the full list of scorers for the season.

Gibson heading for Syd Croatia

BY DAVID SMEDLEY



Blacktown's John Gibson

STAR Blacktown City midfielder and 1992 Olympic squad member John Gibson is expected to go on loan to Sydney Croatia during the 1990/91 NSL season.

A previous loan offer to NSL club St George for both Gibson and team-mate Dominic Longo, another Olympian, was rejected by Saints' coach Frank Arok, due to the fact Arok believed the Demons should sell the players to an NSL club.

However, Blacktown City coach Ron Corry told ASW that both players had no intention of leaving Blacktown.

"They want to stay with the club because they, as I, believe we can win promotion to the NSL next season.

"We would have liked them to keep playing during the NSL season — they need the games — therefore we offered them on loan."

Corry explained the basis for City's strength was its youth and that it could only get better.

"The average age of our first team is 18, the players are just coming into their own."

"Our U-17 teams were champions and our U-19s were also close to the top," Corry said.

"We were as good as any other team in the final half of the state competition, and were only beaten by Wollongong Macedonia from a penalty."

Other City players on loan for the NSL season are Lawrie McKinnon to Wollongong City and Steve Mautone and Geoff Gunning to Melita Eagles.

The Big Match on Mondays



THE Australian Broadcasting Corporation is looking forward to its third season of coverage of the National Soccer League.

After having a tremendous impact with the move of "THE BIG MATCH" to Monday nights, the ABC will stay with that timeslot for the 1990/91 season with a replay scheduled for Sunday mornings.

John Bell goes into his third season as programme host, while his co-hosts from last season, former Socceroo captain and striker, John Kosmina, continues his involvement,

hosting his own segment called "Kossie Corner".

ABC coverage will include a 'match of the round' and coverage from every other game.

Once again the chief commentators will be Mike Hill (Sydney) Peter Gee (Melbourne) and Roger Wills (Adelaide).

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Miladin with the Wolves

MILADIN Kuc, who originally played for Zemun Belgrade, now in the Yugoslav First Division, was Wollongong City's recent signing.

Kuc was brought to Australia by NSW State League club, Avala.

And there is an unusual twist to Wollongong's inability to sign New Zealand's No 1 goal scorer, Tony Laus.

It seems that Laus accepted a big offer to play in Tahiti, after the Wolves had been asking him to sign on the dotted line for many months.

— KEITH GILMOUR

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY



THIS CUP DOESN'T CHEER

I hate to start the season on a negative note, however I feel the NSL is missing a golden opportunity to promote its championship by not reorganising its neglected Cup competition.

The NSL Cup has been the poor relation of the NSL since its inception back in 1977.

The Cup in many ways is like our game itself — we are always going to do something with it but somehow are too busy when the time comes and it is left to die from lack of attention.

At the end of the season we say we are going to reorganise the Cup, get a sponsor and elevate it to what it should be — a prestigious competition and a major part of our NSL season.

Instead, it drifts away into a cup no-one wants to play in simply because it is played midweek during the season.

By the time it comes around, clubs are, naturally enough, concentrating on the league and the do-or-die campaign to avoid relegation, make the five or win the title.

It would appear a fairly simple matter to schedule the earlier rounds of the Cup pre-season, with the final to be played on a public holiday.

I would include 18 State League and regional clubs along with the 14 NSL teams in the first round — Perth, Hobart, regional centres in Victoria and South Australia, Newcastle, Canberra, Brisbane.

Knock-out basis with all NSL clubs to play away in Round 1, and even Round 2 to promote the game, and the NSL, prior to the kick-off of its championship.

Better than a Cup which, if played midweek, in mid-season, is a Cup no-one wants to compete in.

Marconi looks strongest

BY any logical analysis it's Marconi, minor premiers and beaten grand finalists last season, that look the team to beat in the 15th NSL championship which kicked off at the weekend.

While Marconi saved their worst performance for Grand Final day, throwing away a third successive national title in the process, the Fairfield-based giants were far and away the best team in Australia in the inaugural summer season.

With the grand final winners crowned champions as opposed to first past the post, tipping the 15th NSL champion is purely speculative.

On the day, as Sydney Olympic proved last season, the best of teams can be humiliated and deprived of their rightful tag of champions.

In minor premier terms Marconi are favoured to be there yet again.

They have lost fringe players Matteo Colucci, Vince Colagiuri, Gerry Gomez and Senad Glavovic as well as regulars Fred de Jong and Gary van Egmond.

They have replaced them with quality — 18-year-old NSL top scorer David Seal, Soccerroo Olympians John Markovski and Steve Georgakis, Mark Jones and outstanding Young Soccerro Stephen Corica.

If anything, Marconi are stronger than last season.

More significantly, I see their challengers as relatively weaker.

The much-touted interstate challenge of last season never materialised, with fancied South Melbourne, Melbourne Croatia and Adelaide City all choking at the business end of the season.



FRED DE JONG

South Melbourne, Adelaide City and to a lesser degree Melbourne Croatia will still be among the stronger challengers.

However, there is a big question mark over their ability to go on with the job when the real games begin at finals time.

Of the other non-Sydney clubs — Sunshine George Cross, Preston, Wollongong City and the newly promoted duo of Wollongong Macedonia and Heidelberg — I don't see any great threat to the glamour teams.

New chums Wollongong Macedonia and Heidelberg will do very well to survive in classier company.

Sunshine, Preston and the Wolves will be

happy to marginally improve on their final placings of 12th, ninth and 11th respectively last season.

Which leaves the remaining five Sydney clubs — champions Sydney Olympic, Apia Leichhardt, Melita Eagles, St George and Sydney Croatia — as possible threats to Marconi, South Melbourne and Adelaide City.

Brave, young gutsy Sydney Olympic won a lot of friends with their amazing run from fifth to champions last season.

Whether they can retain their title in a one off grand final, as I said earlier, is purely speculative.

But they should make the five and they should make it comfortably at that.

Pessimists amongst their fans will tell you they've lost Alistair Edwards, Steve Georgakis and Gary Phillips.

Edwards, however, may be available on loan for most of the season; Georgakis and Phillips weren't in the

starting line-up at finals time last season and Olympic have Kevin Hagan and Scott Ollerenshaw, both out injured for most of 1989/90 back on deck.

If anything, the young champions are in better shape than last season.

Melita, splendid competitors in their first season back in the elite, can only improve on their eighth placing, the only question whether sufficiently enough to make the five.

Sydney Croatia, mooted by many as champions last season, had a nightmare of a season in 89/90, finishing seventh.

Wholesale changes prompts tipsters to discard them this season.

Gone are a host of players — Arnold, Hunter, Jones, Seal, Savor,

Batten and Rumora.

St George and Apia, the two glamour clubs of Australian soccer not that long ago, could both surprise, particularly the Leichhardt outfit.

Apia, for many weeks the competition leaders last season only to miss the five on goal-difference because of the untimely loss of Rod Brown, Ron Manley and Milan Blagojevic.

Saints' young side, wiser for the experience of 1989/90, have added goalscoring punch up front with the signing of Randall Easthorpe.

Pushed for a final five, I would go for Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Adelaide City and Apia in that order.

Colleague Lou Gautier's top five selections only slightly differ from mine.

He has gone for, in order, Marconi, South Melbourne, Melbourne Croatia, Adelaide City, Sydney Olympic.

If previous predictions are any indication, we both will probably look silly when the NSL championship delivers its top five verdict in April!



Former South Korean star Cha Bum Keun — in his era all contacts with North Korea were taboo.

Koreans break the ice

NORTH and South Korea are to play friendly matches in each others' capitals next month to promote the cause of national reconciliation.

South Korean sports minister Chong Dong-Sung will accompany the team to Pyongyang, the first visit by a sports minister to the North Korean capital.

In a surprise move, chief sport delegates of both Korean teams at the XIth Asian Games held a joint press conference in Beijing to announce that the South Korean team would travel to Pyongyang for a match on October 11 and North Korea's national team would make a reciprocal visit to Seoul on October 23.

Both matches will be played under the banner 'South and North Korean Reunification Football Matches.'

The two Koreas were separated after the end of World War II and have had very little contact since.

Efforts to send a joint team to the Asian Games fell through earlier this year after 11 meetings amid mutual recriminations.

Guess who's getting married?



SBS Head of Sport Dominic Galati will marry Miss Gina Poulos on Sunday, November 11.

There will be two ceremonies — at Our Lady of Lourdes, Earlwood, followed by one at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Marrickville, at 4pm.

The reception will be staged at the Mediterranean House, Five Dock from 5pm. Best wishes from all at ASW.

Six survivors

ONLY six clubs remain in the National Soccer League from that inaugural season back in 1977.

South Melbourne Hellas, Adelaide City, Sydney Olympic, St George, Marconi Fairfield and newly promoted Heidelberg (then known as Fitzroy).

Of this sextet, only Marconi, South Melbourne and Adelaide City have participated

in all 15 championships, with St George, Sydney Olympic and Heidelberg all being relegated at one time or another.

The eight other clubs which played in the very first NSL competition were Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Western Suburbs, Sydney City, Canberra City, Footscray, Mooroolbark and west Adelaide.

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How to get Australia to World Cup USA '94

BY SYDNEY ANALYTICAL COACH JERZY WRZOS PhD

IT was both sad and disappointing for Australian soccer fans that they could not experience the joy and enthusiasm of cheering the Australian team in the finals of World Cup '90.

In consequence it is appropriate to make a full analysis of what is necessary to get us there in 1994 in the USA.

Michel Platini once said that it is difficult to win against the Germans even when they are weak.

The history of the World Cup has shown the French superstar to be correct in this respect.

Twice, his team failed to beat the Germans.

In 1982 France led by 3-1 but lost in the end. It was classical sports drama.

Four years later in Mexico, the dull, colourless play of the German team managed to stop the French from the final.

In Italy, the Germans were one of the main favourites in World Cup '90.

They started out magnificently with 4-1 against Yugoslavia, 5-1 against United Arab Emirates, only 1-1 against Colombia, which was regarded as a fluke, since it was followed by great 2-1 win against Holland. Bravo for Klinsmann.

Usually the German World Cup team reminded one of a locomotive slowly gaining speed.

But in 1990 it was different.

Beckenbauer's team wilted before our eyes.

Worn out against



Victorious world champions West Germany celebrate after defeating Argentina in the Italia '90 final in Rome.

Czechoslovakia 1-0, by the suspenseful, drawn out match against England, no-one expected to see any great play from the Germans.

Perhaps the German fans of Matthaeus, Klinsmann, Brehme and Voller did, for everyone dreams that their team will win gold the FIFA Cup.

But what will remain in the memory will be strong defensive tactics applied from the second round and the excitement, tension in the penalty shooting series.

The strong reaction of the spectators to the decisions of the Mexican referee will also be remembered.

There was obvious disapproval of a referee who it was believed had killed the spirit of fair

play.

In 1974, when the Australian team played in the World Cup in Germany, the German team won against Holland in great style.

At the end of the great match in which Berti Vogts won a thrilling duel against the great John Cruyff the German fans went wild and wept with joy.

In World Cup '86 Argentina was the world favourite and the great Maradona trampled all competition.

In Italia '90 Maradona gave only a few glimpses of what he presented four years previously.

There was no Valdano, Burruchaga was not the same, the magnificent Brown was missing from the defence, yet Argentina managed to break through to the final.

Too often the Argentina play was based on the tactic of survival in order not to lose.

On the way to Rome they pushed Yugoslavia out of the way, as well as Italy, on penalties.



Sergio Goycochea saves yet another goal, this time in the penalty shoot-out against Italy in the World Cup semi-final in Naples.

The incredible instincts and reflexes of goal-keeper, Goycochea twice saved Argentina.

But in the final, Goycochea missed a penalty kick, perfectly shot by Brehme.

And so the Germans won this tactical and not attractive final. That is all history.

Australian players did not qualify for the finals in 1978, 1982 and 1986 as well as in Italy '90.

We cannot say that happened by chance. Others were just better.

What should be done in order to reach world standard and qualify for the next World Cup in 1994?

It is vital to draw conclusions from past training and organisational mistakes, and to set up a suitable training plan which would consistently meet the demands of a 3/4 year program.

The sum total of these problems is difficult and complex, when we acknowledge that building a new national team begins from what we would call a very average level of soccer, compared with world standard.

Recently there were changes at top level in the personnel who decide the success or failure of Australian soccer on international fields — the new ASF president, John Constantine, and new coaches, Eddie Thomson and his assistant, Les Scheinflug.

Now they must commence the long task of raising the level to world standard.

The coaches have included new young players in the new team (several of the best players have left for European professional clubs).

The first test matches have commenced. The Australians beat Indonesia in Jakarta 3-0 in the final.

Then came two Test matches against the rejuvenated South Korea team (which was eliminated in the first round in Italy '90).

Of course, the results of those matches are not very important, two 1-0 losses shouldn't upset anyone.

But the style of play in the first match should be



An ecstatic Diego Maradona after Argentina's 1986 World Cup triumph in Mexico.

those players for further international competitions.

Hopefully there will be more matches played of a more difficult standard against stronger opponents.

The coaches should

attributes of the players, and from that commence the 3/4 year task of building towards higher goals.

Today, effective coaching is based upon logical definition of needs.

Logical definition of needs and aims of effective coaching are based on various medical and physical tests and analyses of play.

In line with contemporary theory and practice of coaching, matches with strong opponents are necessary for improvement.

Realities

Again, it is stressed that an effective coaching plan must be based on the evaluation of facts presented on the test field.

The model for Australian players must be the high standard of the best players of world teams.

The whole training program must be adapted to the requirements of the best Australian players.

There is no other effective way to reach world standard.

It is proposed that training needs be defined objectively on the basis of what values and differences separate us from the level of effective offensive play of the best world teams.

Evaluation of effectiveness of offensive play of the Australian team was done after registering the facts from the first match against South Korea — unfortunately there were not more matches — and comparing them with those observed in the play of the World Cup champions, the German team.

This requires evaluating the number of attacks (team, individual and after the typical match situations).

There is a significant difference.

In practice a small number of attacks occurs only where the opposing team is greatly superior.

This situation was observed in the first match against South Korea.

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1954	140	26	5.38
1958	126	35	3.60
1962	89	32	2.78
1966	89	32	2.78
1970	95	32	2.97
1974	97	38	2.55
1978	102	38	2.68
1982	146	52	2.80
1986	132	52	2.53
1990	115	52	2.21
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the first phase of intake, selection and testing of the suitability of the new players.

The most important task now is the proper definition of the standard, talent, development potential and suitability of

In order to work out training methods for improvement, it is necessary to define the standard.

As well, one must define the faults, needs, technical/tactical, physical and psychological

NSW lays ground for 1991

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW State League First Division is certain to feature between 10 and 12 clubs in the 1991 season.

In addition the vital considerations of good quality club grounds, administration and promotion as well as team quality can be expected to be well to the fore.

The entire matter is being run through by the NSW Federation's premiership review committee, in conjunction with the board and the First and Second Division club committees.

The 1990 competition was flawed from the kick-off due to a number of uncompetitive teams and other factors which led to a soul destroying unevenness of football.

In addition, matches were played on paddocks in some cases.

The effort to get NSW back on the rails must be commended however, particularly as there is much lost ground to be recovered.

There are many aspects of the temporarily shelved Strategic Development Plan



NSW State League action between Wollongong Macedonia and Blacktown City.

which should be implemented.

By hook or by crook better grounds must be secured.

People nowadays look for a degree of comfort as well as a high standard of football if they are to follow their club.

As regards the competition, the clubs seem to prefer the standing two points for a win and one for a draw.

Their view parallels

that of many NSL clubs. That organisation tried three for a win and did not retain it.

Both decisions fly in the face of the writer's observations, in that the "three pointers" led to many more highly exciting NSL finishes.

A losing club certainly attacked like crazy in a bid to make up lost ground.

Consideration has been given to staging a state wide competi-

tion, which would bring in First and Second Division clubs after the preliminary rounds.

The suggestion of a "Waratah Cup" is debatable, as rugby union has used that name down the years.

Why the long tradition of "NSW State Cup" was abandoned is beyond belief. It could be restored to advantage.

Soccer too often down the years has destroyed its own traditions, whereas other major sports have so often correctly carried them on and indeed built upon them.

The Cup would gain immensely by admitting the Newcastle First Division sides — a proposition well worth following up. Newcastle is now only a short two hours along the track.

Imagine, too, what a strong state NSW could be, instead of being weakened horribly by its present division!

Two field players and a goalkeeper may be replaced during a game.

Kick off times are expected to be first grade 2.30 pm, with reserves at 12.30 pm.

A promotional 7-a-side competition could be held next Easter.

The 1991 NSW State League will begin on April 6/7, although no games will be held on NSL Grand Final day.

On the score of the NSW grand final series, the recommendation is for five teams, using the system favoured by the NSL.

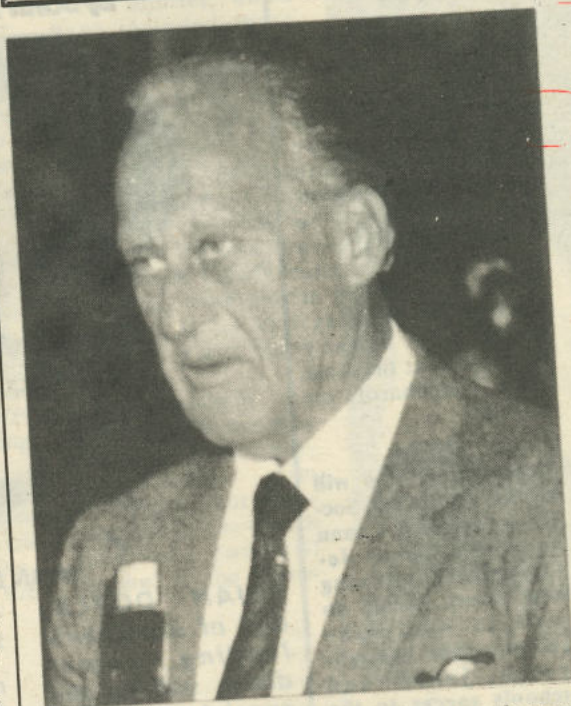
Adjustments to the competition will not be a bed of roses, as the necessary implementation of the Bradley Report will have its impact.

But well considered planning should reap a worthwhile harvest.

Comment

FIFA must not tinker with football rules

BY LOU GAUTIER



FIFA boss Joao Havelange: favours larger goalposts and four-quarter matches.

FIFA's missionary zeal to woo finicky American fans to the 1994 World Cup finals to be staged in the United States has reached farcical proportions.

First we had FIFA president Joao Havelange dream up four quarters in order to provide more time for television commercials in a blatant attempt to lure the recalcitrant US networks to purchase the 1994 World Cup television rights.

That crazy gimmick was all but laughed out of contention as soccer fans, officials and reporters poured deserved scorn on the hare-brained scheme.

Sport in the USA is completely at the mercy of commercial television — a disturbing pattern rugby league in this country seems to be emulating.

But an event like the World Cup cannot be prostituted to television, or any other commercial interests.

The World Cup is the biggest sporting competition in the world.

Forget the Olympics, the World Cup attracts far greater interest world-wide and even though it is television that enables the World Cup to be watched by many times more viewers than the Olympics, that is no reason to pander to the TV moguls.

And now FIFA have created another furore.

The latest outlandish proposal has come from another top official from soccer's world body.

FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni, would you believe, wants to increase the size of the goals in time for the next World Cup finals.

Of course, again to pander to what FIFA perceives to be the tastes of the American public.

Brought up on high-scoring sports like American football and basketball, Americans are said to ignore soccer because it is too low scoring.

They want more goals. Don't we all?

The suggestion to widen the goal posts has been around for many years.

Former ASF president Ian Brusasaco in fact suggested it some 10 years ago and was the object of ridicule.

But now Havelange is said to be in favour of enlarged goals.

Tognoni says the issue was likely to go before FIFA's executive committee meet-

ing in December.

He added that the sport's supreme rule-making body, the International Football Association Board, made up in the majority of Britons, could decide in favour of new goal sizes as early as its meeting in July 1991.

I sincerely hope the board comes up with the only sane decision: a total rejection of the crazy scheme.

The beauty of soccer is that it has abided, by and large, by the same rules for a hundred years.

Rules that are universally understood, and that have stood the test of time.

There have been several other suggestions down the years to increase soccer's scoring ratio.

Reducing teams to ten players, abolishing the off-side rule some 35 metres from the goal and doing away with the wall on freekicks have been some of the more reasonable ideas.

But tinkering with the goal posts would literally mean a new ball game.

Besides the fact that coaches would only use giant goalkeepers, how would enlarged goals make the game more offensive?

It stands to reason that such a change would result in more defence-oriented tactics as coaches would make sure the strikers are well marked and foiled in attempting long-range shots.

Instead of making for more attacking football, the opposite would occur.

What next? Bonus points, like in Australian rules, for missing a goal or hitting the woodwork?

Or playing without a goalkeeper altogether?

Maybe forcing teams to field midget goalkeepers — a suggestion that could perhaps emanate from Australia, the birth place of the great uplifting sport of dwarf-tossing?

The possibilities for 'reform' are mind-boggling.

And everyone of them as insane as FIFA's enlarged goal posts.

Let's be serious, please.

Perhaps, to paraphrase a famous French politician who stated that war was too important to be left to the generals, soccer is also too important to be left to FIFA...

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Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat

Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina has high hopes for new Queensland signing Clayton Koch, younger brother of Sydney Olympic defender Paul Koch. Vrzina says Koch has the makings of another David Seal, but also adds it may take time for the Brisbane striker to find his NSL legs.

St George sweeper Andy Koczka is not available for Soccerroo selection. The 25-year-old is back in Saints' starting line-up after missing most of last season with a back injury. Koczka pulled out of the national team for business reasons.

Sunshine George Cross' David McFarlane has the best credentials of any NSL import so far this season. The midfielder/cum/defender commanded \$300,000 in transfer fees in Scotland where he played for Rangers, Kilmarnock and Partick Thistle.

Richard Miranda, now an Apia Leichhardt player, should have his right leg out of plaster this week and could be in the Apia line-up as early as late October.

Frank Farina scored two more goals last week. He scored in Club Brugge's 3-1 league win over Eddie Krncevic's FC Liege and also four days later in Brugge's 2-0 European Champions' Cup victory over Lillestrom of Norway.

Former Marconi Kiwi Fred de Jong is making a big impact in the Dutch First Division with Fortuna Sittard.

He has been featured in several magazines and has made the cover of Holland's biggest football publication.

QUIT National Soccer League launches were held in conjunction with the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation in both Melbourne and Sydney last week. The Victorian function took place at the VHPF headquarters at Carlton on Monday, whilst the Sydney opener was at the Apia Club, Leichhardt, on Tuesday.

Steve Darby, who will be the Australian Soccer Federation's man on youth soccer development beginning next month, would do well to study the scheme that brought youth, junior and schools soccer to the fore in NSW and Queensland.

The state-wide associations' programmes, Commonwealth Bank Cup, Shield and Turner Cup are light years ahead of the position in some other states, which mainly over-centralise their operations and the future of the game pays a horrendous penalty.

Darby, by the way, holds a master's degree in education, an honours degree in physical education, a FIFA instructors' badge and membership of the Australian Coaching Council.

Defender Peter Kotaminidisis is with Wollongong City, for whom young midfielders Declan McEvoy and Claude Cellini have been impressing coach David Ratcliffe.

Top Comic at NSW Awards Dinner

By JOHN ECONOMOS



BRIAN DOYLE

BRIAN DOYLE, one of Australia's leading comedians, will be the special guest star at the NSW Soccer Federation's Annual Presentation Dinner this Wednesday night at the Marconi Club.

The 52-year-old Dublin-born comic, who migrated to Australia 23 years ago with his Australian wife Judith, is a fanatical Manchester United supporter.

Doyle's world class act has won him the 'Best Comic' award four times. He has done extensive radio and television work all over Australia.

Just recently, Brian hosted Channel Nine's high-rating show, 'The Mid-day Programme' for regular host Ray Martin.

Doyle's silky-smooth, impeccable one-liners have shat-tered audiences right

across Australia for years.

His highly intelligent material, delivered methodically in an unbelievably relaxed manner, makes Brian Doyle a classic act that must not be missed.

At a time when he was thinking of winding down his activities, the demand for his shows has increased dramatically.

As well as his club acts, Doyle now has his own radio talk-back show on Sydney's 2KY from noon till 3pm every Sunday.

We caught up with Brian and asked him what he thought of the last World Cup.

"I was very proud of the Republic of Ireland who did exceptionally well," he said.

"But I can tell you I was glad when the World Cup ended because I badly needed to get some sleep."

"This World Cup was anybody's."

"As far as sport on television is concerned, well you just can't beat soccer, can you?"

Doyle was the guest star at last season's NSL Awards staged in Adelaide where he again brought the house down.

As an added bonus, he heavily sprinkles his comedy with a strong soccer flavour.

A roll-up of 600 guests is expected on Wednesday night at Marconi for the awards.

Late-comers are strongly advised not to miss Wednesday night's dinner and Brian Doyle.

They can still obtain a few tickets left for sale at a cost of \$20 (which includes a sumptuous three-course dinner, drinks, live entertainment and, of course, the fabulous Brian Doyle), by phoning the NSW Federation today on 629 1800.

Don't miss this night. Dress: black tie; cocktails at 7pm.



Simon Brandt of Newcastle BHP Austral seen in action for his club at Austral Park. The Newcastle outfit, capably led by president Con Mitsios and club manager David McQuire, will shortly be submitting a first class application for membership of the 1991/92 National Soccer League. All the forward looking recommendations contained in the epoch-making Bradley Report will be adequately covered. BHP Austral, with the backing of the Austral licensed club and ownership of their own ground, have the jump on other major Australian cities wishing to enter the League at this stage. The club has a committee of leading Newcastle businessmen supplying a continuous stream of ideas to assist in their progress.

The USSR Olympic team is to play three matches in Australia. The dates are Sydney (Friday November 9), Adelaide (Sunday November 11) and Melbourne (Wednesday November 14).

A vital part of Manfred Schaefer's Apia coaching team are Jimmy Fraser and Terry Butler. Fraser played a huge part in getting Australia through to the 1974 World Cup finals series in West Germany — a series that circumstances unfortunately intervened to prevent him from competing in. History records that his spot then went to Jack Reilly. Butler, who had to be content with playing two full internationals, was the heart and soul of Apia for many years. He is carrying on as the highly successful youth coach.

Wollongong soccer media men will be able to give full rein to their talent this year, what with the Illawarra sporting two NSL sides. On the job with the Illawarra Mercury are Phil Murphy, with occasional stories penned by Sid Fairs. The latter is the paper's former sports editor, and these days wide-ranging sports writer.

Businessman Laurie Grgich, 33, has been elected president of Sydney Croatia Soccer Club, in succession to

Frank Busic. The young committee, complete with some older heads, selected with him has the dual task of rebuilding the team and finding funds to go ahead with construction of the grandstand. A great deal of concreting of terraces has been already carried out, largely by voluntary labour. Finishing the job will cost at least \$1.5 million.

Queensland premier Wayne Goss was a welcome guest at the QFM Gold Medal night, held recently at the Perry Park complex. This was a first for the code.

Former ASF and Queensland Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has been appointed to the board of the Queensland TAB.

News Corporation chief Rupert Murdoch is negotiating to obtain the rights to the 1994 World Cup finals in the USA.

NSL executive member Nick Papallo, speaking at the NSL launch at the Apia Club last Tuesday, said: "The Bradley Report brought some improvements to the minds of the clubs. The NSL is much stronger under the proper umbrella of the ASF." Mr Papallo gave credit to Quit, stating that their

sponsorship meant that much of their air travel costs could be covered. The NSL drew 630,000 spectators last season, and aims to beat that figure this year. And, on the subject of administration of the game, Mr Papallo added: "We now have people at the top who are prepared to put soccer above their own appreciation of power, and that is good reason for confidence."



LES SCHEINFLUG

Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco are back home in Sydney after conducting a camp for the U17 Joeys in Canberra. National coach Thomson has a whole list of camps and matches in U17, U20, Olympic Games and national team categories, stretching through June 2, 1991.



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Brave Brisbane Lions woo Queensland fans

BY PHIL MARTIN

THERE is no doubt that Brisbane Lions enjoyed its share of success in the 1990 XXXX League season, although the big prize eluded them.

After deliberating over whether it was worthwhile entering the play-offs for a place in the new season's NSL competition, they decided to give it a fly.

In the event they dipped out to the high flying Melbourne outfit Heidelberg, with Adelaide Hellas in second place.

The team never did possess the fire power to command a 1990/91 NSL spot, although players such as Arno Bertogna, Frank Mengotti, Russell Stewart and Co possess a footballing ability that demands recognition.

Certainly they are the favourites of a large section of the Brisbane soccer community.

The club began as Hollandia in 1957 with their Dutch-born supporters, and they bought a stretch of land in the outer southern Brisbane suburb of Inala.

It was the ownership of their own property that stood them in good stead over the years, just as has been the case with leading interstate clubs such as Marconi and Blacktown City.

Lions' 1990 record is one better than that of the previous year, when they were runners-up in the premiership, the championship as well as the Ampol Cup.

Looking back down the years it was in the early 1970s that Hollandia moved with the tide and changed its name to Brisbane Lions.

The club took over leadership of Queensland soccer along with their arch-rivals, Brisbane City.

Not surprisingly it was Brisbane City that they met in this year's grand final.

Lions' major win in 10 years in the NSL was in the 1981 NSL Cup.

Whilst their crowds have rarely been large, there is no doubt about the quality of the work put into club development by former club chairman John Morcus, present leader Gary Wilkins and tireless secretary, Lawrence Oudendyk.

Lions made a shift from their original Ipswich Rd site to Pine Rd back in 1971, building a proper soccer

stadium complete with an outstanding playing surface.

It may be that their future stays in the Queensland XXXX League, as the Queensland Soccer Federation is putting a case together for a Brisbane United club to get community wide support in the line with the excellent recommendations of the Bradley Report.

On the field this year they can thank the guidance of experienced former Scottish professional Frank Liddell for much of their success.



played professional football in England, Dean Milosevic, Justin Playle, Angus Smith, Brendan Eastwell and Jason Keenpence.

Come what may, the Lions of Brisbane will be amongst the top in soccer in the Sunshine State for decades and decades to come.



Frank Mengotti of Brisbane Lions leaps high over Heidelberg's Stuart Cannell in the last of the NSL promotion play-off games.

Liddell has proved to be a wily coach, and teamed up with his assistant, John Sims.

The squad itself has a wealth of experience. Apart from Bertogna, Mengotti and Stewart as mentioned above, the regular goalkeepers Rob Farrow and youngster Kevin Tatton handled their job well.

David Hunter, brother of former Socceroo Alan Hunter, Pat Vidgen and Jeff Lombardo were members of a very tight defence.

The midfield included Richard Basingthwaite and Chris Slater, along with Andrew Stowell, the son of Queensland Director of Coaching, Bruce Stowell.

It did more than its share to bring success to the club.

Strike power could have been stronger, but little Nick Meredith was often amongst the goals.

He was aided by John Lowey, who had

Gold Coast beckons Robson

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Gold Coast could enter next year's National League with former England captain Bryan Robson at the helm.

The Manchester United midfielder is behind a consortium pushing for a Gold Coast team in the 1991 summer competition.

Robson, 33, has offered financial support and has hinted he could be interested in a managerial role if his latest battle against injury forces a premature end to this playing career.

Robson has not played since an achilles tendon injury, which required an operation, ruled him out of the

World Cup in June.

It was the 19th serious injury of his career.

The injuries, which have included three broken legs and operations on his shoulder, hernia and groin, have sidelined him for a total of 100 weeks.

Now on the road to recovery, Robson was invited to guest in a trial game between the Gold Coast Gamblers and NSL champions Marconi at Seagulls Stadium a fortnight ago.

Understandably, the match appearance was vetoed by United physiotherapist Jim McGregor, but Robson sent a pre-match facsimile goodwill message to the Gamb-



BRYAN ROBSON

lers which finished "hope to be with you soon".

Gamblers coach Jim Selby said Robson had been invited to join the consortium by his Gold Coast-based Australian agent, Tony Price, who organised the midfielder's guest stint for Queensland against NSW three years ago.

"Robson was very impressed with the Gold Coast and is keen to extend his business interests here," Selby said.

"He has indicated he would like to have an input in Australian soccer as a board member of a club or possibly in a managerial role."

It is unlikely Robson would play in the NSL.

The Gold Coast, who lost 2-1 to Marconi in injury-time after leading for 89 minutes, have been identified for future NSL representation in the Bradley Report.

While the Queensland Soccer Federation is expected to be offered the first

Queensland franchise, Gold Coast are hoping to prove they also are ready for inclusion in the 1991 summer competition.

A Queensland Soccer Federation taskforce has been formulating a Brisbane United proposal for the past six months, but as yet no details on the combined entry have been announced.

"We are not in opposition to anything being organised in Brisbane," Selby said. "But the Gold Coast has to be prepared as a viable option or addition to any Brisbane team."

Jim Selby strikes a cord

SURELY Jim Selby must be in line for the Queensland State Director's position when it finally becomes vacant.

After his successful stint in Bundaberg, he has gone from strength to strength on the Gold Coast.

Last year he steered them to their first ever Ampol Cup win, and in the process

obtained Jupiters Casino as a major sponsor of his Gold Coast Gamblers.

Jupiters also now sponsors the annual game against Marconi, and to top it all off are seriously reviewing the cost of bringing National League to the Coast.

Playing numbers in Queensland having dropped by 20% in the past decade, and the

decline in State League standards has been demonstrated by Brisbane Lions' performance in the National Soccer League playoffs.

Surely, Jim would make an ideal top banana.

— PHIL MARTIN

Joy for Nerang, Lutwyche

NERANG Soccer Club, from the Gold Coast, took out the Second Division grand final from Brisbane Croatia with a 3-0 victory.

These two teams will be playing in the XXXX League next season.

In the Third Division grand final, Lutwyche United turned the tables on the much fancied Annerley, winning 1-0.

Both teams have won promotion to the 1991 Second Division.

— PAT McERLEAN

Benchmark Building Supplies Cup at Taree

ADAMSTOWN Rosebuds ran out clear-cut winners of the Benchmark Cup series, played at Taree on the NSW Mid North Coast.

They carved up Hastings 10-0 in the final.

NNSW official Brian Mackey said: "The 31 games were conducted in tremendous spirit."

"This was evidenced by the few yellow cards handed out throughout the games."

Cessnock City won the Consolation Cup, defeating Sydney team Villawood United 3-1.

Competing in the cup were local units Hastings, Manning No 1 and No 2 and Timonee, Adamstown, Cessnock City and Cardiff Rail from the Hunter Region, Berkeley Vale (Central Coast) and University of NSW, Gladesville Ravens and Villawood United from Sydney.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Import star Mladen Putanec has stayed over in Melbourne for trials with Melbourne Croatia. Putanec, an outstanding player in his two seasons in SA, was in the Adelaide side that performed creditably in the national Croatian carnival at St Albans. He decided to stay for training and trials with Melbourne Croatia at the close of the carnival which attracted 22 teams. Colin Miller also is to trial with the club.

Blackwood is expected to start improvements to its Kannya Reserve ground this week. This will upgrade the troublesome pitch to First Division standard for the Hillsiders' debut in the big league. Sweeper Bep De Vries on Friday was named Blackwood's Player of the Year. He pipped Alby Briscoe. Former Kiwi international Glen Dods was voted Best Team Man.

A special marketing and promotion committee has been approved by the board of the SA Soccer Federation to look at the promotion and composition of next season's Ampol Cup. The committee is headed by Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso and

Csoboth cleared

ADELAIDE City has reached agreement with Hungarian side Peci on fullback Robert Csoboth and now awaits Immigration Department approval for him to play here this season.

"He looks to have the credentials to be accepted," said City coach Zoran Matic about the fullback who has played well in trials. "He was in the Hungarian under-21 side which won the European Championships."

City also is waiting on a decision over Soccerroo midfielder Ernie Tapai, who has arrived in Adelaide to work.

"He has taken up a job opportunity and wants to talk to his club in Melbourne about playing here but they are not talking," said Matic. "We put in an offer of \$15,000, which, under the circumstances, we feel is reasonable. He could walk away from Sunshine for \$10,000 when his contract is up at the end of the season."

Matic said Salisbury utility player Paul Wilde has put his move to City on hold over the tough training schedule.

Wilde will stay with Salisbury and now has been added to the SA representative squad to meet Victoria on October 13 in Mildura.

— ALAN CLARK

comprises Julia Mourant, Dave Jenkins, State and NT manager of Ampol, Ted Wzientek and Joe Williams. The sponsor, no doubt, would seek a value-for-money package with large crowds and more personality-laden club squads featuring in the 32nd prestige pre-season night series. A return to Wednesday night fixtures seems a certainty to help attract stronger Adelaide City squads who would not face such a conflict with weekend NSL fixtures. The new placement of sides in two groups, however, may set a precedent with teams not been allocated, as in past years, in relation to their positions in the league of the just finished season.

Teenage Adelaide City goalkeeper Edward Scalzi has left for trials in Italy. His trip is sponsored by Monza Motors.

City's under-15 custodian will go to Lazio, Napoli and Avelino. He has been receiving specialist coaching for six weeks for former State goalkeeper Robbie Parks.

Second Division Cup winner CD Apac has appointed talented Robert Knowles as player coach. He succeeds Brian Boyd. Apac stalwart, Bobby Anderson said: "I'm confident Robert can do a good job. He is a popular player and everyone seems enthusiastic over his appointment. If we can keep the nucleus of the side that won the Cup we could do well next season."

POLONIA striker John Christopoulos has put any move to Adelaide City on hold to earn a place in the SA

squad to meet Victoria on October 13 at Mildura.

He has been named in this strong squad: Brenton Hiern, Robert Slager, Tony Gasparetto, Chris Tsoleridis, Peter Blazincic, Paul Wilde, Ian Cole, Christopoulos, Steve Witwicki, Ivica Jurkovic, Rick Piotrowski, Terry Kent, Kevin McCormack, Peter Rankin, Eddie Briscoe, Tim Mullen.

Team manager Jack Innes said the boys were 'bursting to play'.

"It is a very good squad and they all have been working very hard and getting along well together," said Innes.

"They are very pleased to get their chance at this level and are keen to put on a good show."

BHP Austral wins NSW U19s

BY PAUL GOODWIN

NEWCASTLE'S BHP Austral under 19s side won the NSW 1990 championship when they defeated Canberra Croatia 3-2 after extra time at Austral Park on Sunday.

Newcastle were the better side in the first half and underlined their superiority with two goals just before the break.

After a melee in the Canberra penalty area in the 40th minute Brad Evans collected the ball at the edge of the 18 yard box and found the net.

Two minutes later the locals went two up from the penalty spot. Richard Johnson's diagonal pass had found Troy Halpin only for the latter to be brought down by Canberra goalie Gian-nasca.

Adam Leatherbarrow scored from the spot kick.

Canberra looked a much better side after the break and with Pangallo and Ladur operating effectively on the flanks Newcastle were on the back foot.

Ladur made a run into the penalty area, shaking off Wayne Achurch only to be brought down by Michael Moyle in the area in the 53rd minute.

Canberra's T Arvenitis was successful from the resultant penalty.

Seven minutes later Canberra could have drawn level when awarded a second penalty but Arvenitis hit the upright.

In the 68th minute, however, Austral's keeper dropped a high cross and Ladur was able to get on the end of a half clearance of the ball to turn swiftly from the edge of the box and place the ball into the

right corner.

The game moved into extra time and both sides had their equal share of chances before Brad Evans put Troy Halpin through from wide on the left and Halpin was able to tuck the ball just inside the far post.

The goals came fully two minutes into stoppage time at the end of the extra period of play. Over 700 people were on hand to see NSW Soccer

Federation vice president George Dick present the trophy to captain Wayne Achurch.

It was a fitting reward for the team's coach Peter Dewhurst.

BHP AUSTRAL: Dunkley, A Roberts, Oberaker, Achurch, Moyle, Evans, Burt (Block 69) Blackhall (Devon 75) Leatherbarrow, Halpin, Johnson.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Giannasca, Simic, Arvanitis, Gagetti, Swan, P Roberts, Tangallo, Douglas, Marin (Konsul 61), Velanis, Ladur. REFEREE: Jock Cooper.

Adelaide Whispers

THE SA scene will be missing another personality next season with the retirement of referee John Miller.

Miller reached 50 in July and has to put down his whistle from the top panel.

His son David is Melbourne Croatia's goalkeeper. Another son Colin, who has played with Adelaide City, Hellas and Adelaide Croatia, is trialling with Melbourne Croatia.

THE SA Division of the Australian Referees' Federation will hold its presentation evening on Saturday, October 20 in the Police Club in the City.

A new referees' course started last week at Hindmarsh.

BEOGRAD look sure to lose striker Richard Preston for next season.

The experienced marksman leaves this month on an extended overseas holiday and is unlikely return in time

for next season.

ASSUMING the captaincy of Seaford gave Davie Dickinson just the boost he needed to win this year's Bob Telfer Medal.

Dickinson clinched the Second Division's best award on Friday night at the Abbey Restaurant.

He took nine votes from the last four games to finish with a total of — pipping Blackwood's Alby Briscoe and Tony Savoudis of Olympians.

"Being made captain made me more responsible and I was really happy with my year," said Dickinson, who is the second Seaford winner in three seasons. Gordon Costello won in 1988.

— ALAN CLARK



Yugoslav import Mladen Putanec — moving to Melbourne for trials with Melbourne Croatia — JANUSZ KAMMA photo.

Zelic takes award at Canberra Croatia

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia sweeper Ned Zelic ended what might be the most important season of his career when he was named club Player of the Year at its presentation night.

The decision, based on a poll of supporters, was hardly unexpected.

Zelic began the 1990 season as a talented youngster still to realise his potential, but under coach Tom Sermann, blossomed into one of the most exciting players in the country.

Dazzling displays in the NSW League and in ACT representative matches against Indonesia and English club side Charlton Athletic, earned him the captaincy of the Australian Olympic team and a tour to Europe.

Soccerroo selection is considered close to a formality.

Zelic has just returned from a two-week spell in Britain as

the guest of English First Division club Leeds United.

"I played two reserve matches for them which we won and drew," he said. "They want me to come back, but in the short time I was there I had no chance to talk about a contract... For the moment I would prefer to stay in Australia and develop my international career leading up to the Olympics."

"I've got a reasonable contract with Sydney Croatia during the summer Quit National Soccer League season and they are going to allow me to train in Canberra and continue my studies as a fitness instructor at Bruce TAFE."

"In the long term I can see myself playing in Europe. I have contacts in England, Scotland and Yugoslavia."

Zelic said that when they were in Leeds, he and another Australian trialist, striker Gary Hasler of Sunshine George Cross, were known as Aussie 1 and 2.

If he continues to make the kind of prog-

ress he has made in the past six months it is a fair bet that that kind of anonymous title will soon die.

Sports Tours Holland

SPORTS Tours Holland provide magnificent tours for young soccer players.

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Day trips can be arranged through Holland, Belgium, Germany, France and Luxembourg.

Bus trips of several days are available, with groups from countries such as Sweden, England, Northern Ireland and America having participated.

Soccer teams interested can contact George van Zanden, PO Box 3, Nimmitabel NSW 2631 (Tel 064 54 6410) for additional details.

Mr van Zanden is an occasional ASW writer, who is very well versed in the European scene.

Saints' cash give away

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

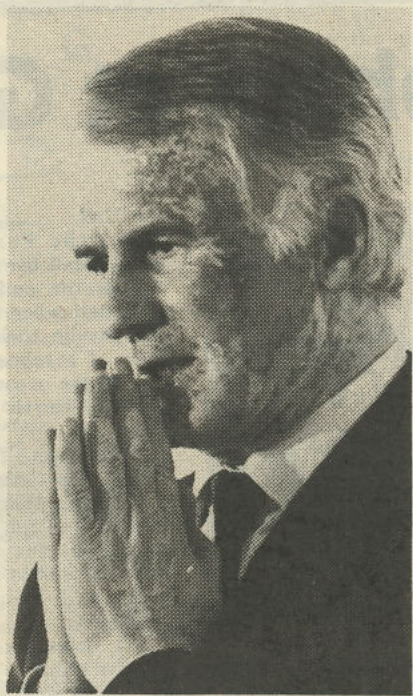
ST GEORGE last night released details of their cash give away coupon which will enable soccer supporters to help raise funds for their own club or favourite charity.

Saints general manager Tony Balazsi said: "For every ticket purchases (other than a family ticket) to see St George play at the St George Stadium, there will be a coupon worth \$3 out of the \$8 cost.

"Supporters can either hand their coupon over to their favourite charity or any other soccer club and St George will pay \$3 to that organisation.

"In this way you can see St George play and also help your charity or own soccer club."

In addition, the Saints will give away a bottle of quality champagne for every \$15 family ticket purchased.



FRANK AROK

St George meets Preston at St George Stadium next Sunday.

A family ticket admits two adults and two children to the game.

Club manager-coach Frank Arok said: "We carried out the same exercise at two of our matches last season and it proved an outstanding success."

Big Al Hunter twice unlucky

THE old saying "once bitten, twice shy", is not the best way to describe the life of a soccer player.

The game is constantly alive with accounts of player comebacks from all types of injuries.

The fact that a player is on a losing team or is unsuccessful in a grand final is no certainty that he won't return at the commencement of a new season brimming with confidence and determined to put any failures behind him.

The news that Alan Hunter has broken his leg a second time is tragic for the big stopper.

His Dutch trial did not look like it would take off and he was set to return to Australia

to continue his NSL career.

All this has now been put on the back burner with recovery being his main aim.

Europe is definitely not on Alan's hit list as a place he wants to visit when you remember he met with similar bad news during Sydney Croatia's tour of Yugoslavia earlier this year.

HOME, SWEET HOME

BY MIKE JOHNSON



CRAIG JOHNSTON

FOR many of our lesser players an overseas jaunt is an adventure — an extended holiday which allows them to trial with glamorous clubs they had heard and read about.

WHAT many players are not aware of as they embark overseas seeking trials or going to a specific club via an 'agent' or by invitation, is that there is limited playing opportunity among professional clubs in Europe.

Most European professional clubs have only one senior squad of players.

It is usually made up of some 20 to 24 players who compete for 11 places in the first team.

There is no second team as we know it here in Australia.

There are youth teams which feed the senior squad, along with senior players from all over the country and from all over the world.

There is a limit on the number of foreign players allowed to each club, just as there is here in Australia.

In Britain there are 2nd teams — indeed Australia copied the 2nd and even 3rd team idea from Britain.

Some years back I took a trip to 18 cities in soccer countries in Europe to look at their set-up.

All of these had only one senior squad, in which some players might warm the bench for almost the whole of the season.

They might not step onto the hallowed turf of their imposing sta-

dium even once in a competitive game for the whole season.

How demoralising that must be.

Players can seek places in the lower divisions, but the money there will not match what they can earn in Australia with their work salary and the security that provides.

The great exodus overseas of our soccer players will not continue.

The European soccer drain especially will begin to dry up as returning players tell their colleagues that it is not all milk and honey over there.

There are two types of Australian players who can expect to have a chance in Europe.

One is the very young talented type such as Craig Johnston and Tony Dorigo, who go over around the age of 13, 14, 15 or 16 and grow up in Europe's more competitive soccer environment.

The other is the Australian national team players under the age of 25.

These will continue to go and succeed in Europe.

For the rest they have hardly a chance of making it with a worthwhile team in Europe.

They can go to a smaller European soccer nation such as Switzerland, but these have no more to offer our lads than what is available in Australia.

Countries such as Hong Kong are now also an attraction to our players, offering good money on a full-time basis.

But who wants to live in crime stricken, jam-packed Hong Kong, or indeed any of the other Asian countries whose citizens would give all they owned for a one-way ticket to Australia?

The Arab nations and the countries of Africa do not appeal, whilst in South America the playing standard is almost as high as Europe, without the big money.

Australia has a lot to offer our ambitious soccer players.

Chances of national selection and overseas trips at under 16 level, under 19's, under 23's and senior level.

Opportunity to play in the Olympic Games.

Our best National League players can earn \$30,000 for a season and earn say an additional \$30-40,000 a year at work.

That is a good salary with which to live in a highly developed country, with an excellent climate and stable government.

Having said that, we still need to make our soccer more attractive to our players.

We need to provide

full-time playing staffs in some of our wealthier clubs.

A cheaper alternative to complete full-time professionalism is to have our players training each morning and working part-time the rest of the week.

Both alternatives are used by Europe's soccer clubs.

Now that our best run soccer clubs have their own stadiums and social clubs, they should once more lead the way and take us out of the part-time professional set-up which has existed in this country for more than 100 years.

Canberra Raiders have taken the road to full-time professionalism successfully in rugby league.

After several failed attempts in soccer by various clubs, the time has come to make full professionalism work and lift our game.

As stated last week in this column, no one nor no organisation can afford to stand still.

If we do, we stagnate and die — that is a law of nature.

All of us must be forever evolving, developing, growing. We do not want our soccer to suffer the same fate as the dinosaurs and other animal species who ceased evolving and improving and laid down and died.

Saints' Night

ST GEORGE Soccer Association's Annual Representative Presentation Night for its Youth League and representative teams takes place on Sunday, October 14 from 4.30pm.

The evening will be held at Soccer House, Victoria Avenue, Mortdale.

Arrangements for the night are in the hands of Ken Elder, 67 Griffith St, Monterey Tel 529 8759.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION ONE-DAY SEMINAR FOR COACHES Saturday, November 3

The first half of the above program will be conducted by Mr Dennis Coffey from Impact Images. He will cover such topics as:

1. Presentation techniques.
2. Audio-visuals in coaching.
3. Coaching and communication.
4. Coaching Adults/Children/Females.

Mr Coffey is an excellent lecturer who has coached extensively for the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Sports.

The afternoon lecturers will be:

- Steve Darby (Aussie Sports)
- Robert Wheatley (Development Officer)
- Oscar Gonzalez (Practical Coaching of Wiel Coerver method and Bio Mechanics and Goalkeeping)

The seminar, at Valentine Sports Complex, Parklea, will commence at 8.15am and conclude at 5pm. The cost including lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be \$25. Numbers will be limited to 40 on a first come, first served basis.

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SYDNEY ETHNIC SOCCER WORLD CUP

South Americans triumphant at Garside

BY MARIO ETCHART

WITH two matches for the 0/35s, four games for the All Age division, on Saturday, and another four matches for the All Age tournament on Sunday, the 7th Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup continued last weekend, at Garside Park in rainy conditions.

In the 0/35s category, Peru defeated Colombia 2-0 and Chile beat Iceland 2-1.

In the All Age Division, on Saturday, El Salvador and Ireland drew 1-1, Peru beat Romania 4-1, Uruguay defeated Costa Rica 3-2 and Lebanon upset Yugoslavia 1-0.

EL SALVADOR 1 IRELAND 1

The Europeans and Central Americans played an entertaining game, with plenty of action in both boxes, but only two goals.

Against the physical strength of the Irish, the Salvadorans displayed the greater skill but both deserved the share of points.

Ireland went ahead in the 19th minute, when man of the match J. Pellimer, took advantage of an excellent pass from striker Burns, skirted the goalkeeper and put the ball into the net which a crossed shot.

The equaliser came in the 75th, when defender Ramos with a powerful drive netted the Salvadoran goal.

Man of the match: J. Pellimer (Ireland).

COLOMBIA 4 KOREA 1

Colombia comfortably defeated a very enthusiastic Korean side despite a depleted team.

The final score is not a reflection of Colombia's overall superiority.

Fitzharris opened the score for Colombia in the 7th minute, and striker Vanegas added a second goal in the 16th, after a good combination with fellow-striker Ivastanin.

Five minutes into the second half, Korea had a chance to score, but Sik Lee missed from the penalty spot.

Colombia went further ahead in the 60th when replacement Castaneda scored with an explosive volley.

Six minutes later, Ivastanin crossed from the left and Vanegas, with a header, scored the fourth for Colombia.

Sik Oh in the 74th netted for Korea with a beautiful 25 metre drive.

Man of the match: Ivastanin (Colombia).

ITALY 3 CYPRUS 3

Italy and Cyprus drew in a very entertaining Group 3 match which had constant action in front of both goals, but the poor finishing of both sets of strikers limited the scoreline.

Italy had the better of play in the first 20 minutes but the excellent work of Meerbani and Osman, in midfield, changed the trend of the match and Cyprus dominated from then on.

In the last five minutes, Italy had the chance to take the two points, but Chris Bard and Robert De Ceglie missed with only the keeper to beat.

Genovese opened the score for Italy in the ninth minute, and Incesu, after a struggle in the Italian box, levelled the scores in the 40th.



Greece's over 35 team includes former Pan Hellenic stars Jim Ziras, Chris Thamnidis and George Sotos. The players are: L. Georgoulidis, N. Mavroucas, P. Louverdis, G. Sotos, J. Vlahos, M. Nezeritis, M. Drosos, J. Ziras, G. Kehagias, C. Thamnidis, M. Manios, N. Gouskos, P. Balafas, G. Kostakis, F. Georgamlis, C. Iconomou, M. Loustos, N. Tsigolis.

Italian goalkeeper Rosario Pinto stopped a penalty shot from Cypriot striker Ali Nagi in the 29th minute.

Man of the match: Meerbani (Cyprus).

SPAIN 5 ASSYRIA 3

Spain qualified for the quarter-finals after this Group 3 win.

While Spain dominated the play, Assyria was dangerous in counter attack, with central striker Luccitti creating havoc.

But the Spaniards were more effective in front of goal and that made the final difference in the scoreline.

Striker Bason put Spain one up after only two minutes from a rebound.

But Assyria equalised seven minutes later through a good individual effort from Luccitti.

Kisacanin, with a brilliant free kick from 25 metres, put Spain 2-1 in front in the 42nd, and defender Aguirre, with a tremendous drive from 30 metres, added the third goal for Spain, one minute before the end of the first half.

Kisacanin, again, in the 55th, with another free kick, scored the

fourth for the Europeans, and five minutes later, fellow striker Kevin Cross, converted the fifth.

Assyria struck back in the 67th. Luccitti beat the offside trap, skirted the goalkeeper and netted the second.

One minute later, after a good combination with defender Korkis, Luccitti scored his hat-trick, the first of the tournament, and the third goal for Assyria.

Man of the match: Luccitti (Assyria).

CHILE 1 ARGENTINA 0

The bad finishing of the Chilean strikers and the brilliance of Argentine keeper David Hayes restricted the victory of defending champion Chile to a 1-0 win, via a very doubtful penalty.

Argentina fought hard with ten men from the 38th minute of the first half and nine from the 75th, after defender Walter Bobba and striker Carlos Torres were sent off.

Chile, although dominating for the entire 90 minutes, lacked cohesion and vision to resolve the match in its favour by a much bigger margin.

Argentine goalkeeper David Hayes was an impossible task for the Chilean strikers, frustrating them time after time.

The win put Chile in the quarter-finals, while Argentina is out of the competition.

The only goal of the game came at the end of the first half when Chilean defender Willis converted from a penalty kick.

Man of the match: David Hayes (Argentina).

PERU 4 ROMANIA 1

The Peruvians were deserved winners over a Romanian squad that based all its game on the individual efforts of some of their players.

But the South Americans, although in some difficulty in the first half, were better physically prepared and outplayed the Romanian outfit for most of the second half.

Peruvian striker Harry Pachas opened the score in the ninth minute with a brilliant back heel.

Enterprising Romanian striker, Giang Vu, equalised after an excellent solo effort, with a powerful crossed shot in

the 22nd.

But the Peruvians went ahead five minutes before the end of the first half when midfielder Clavijo took advantage of a rebound and scored the second goal for the South Americans.

Peru went further ahead in the 74th.

Defender Villar put a perfect ball for Varela, who beat the offside trap and lobbed the ball over the Romanian goalkeeper.

Six minutes later, Victor Clavijo added the fourth with a perfect free kick.

Peruvian striker, Harry Pachas missed a penalty in the 61st minute.

Man of the match: Edgar Villar (Peru).

URUGUAY 3 COSTA RICA 2

The more experienced Uruguayans had to work hard to beat a very determined and spirited Costa Rican outfit.

Although Uruguay had the control of the match, Costa Rica was a worthy opponent and fought all the way until the last minute.

The inclusion of midfielder Arcosa in the Uruguayan line-up in the second half was the turning point.

He dominated the midfield and created several chances for the South American strikers, most of whom missed with poor finishing.

Alberto Arbelo took advantage of a perfect cross from Kadric in the 12th minute, and with a short shot that goalkeeper Saliadarre couldn't stop, opened Uruguay's account.

But the enthusiastic Costa Ricans equalised in the 28th when striker Cruz, with a powerful drive, beat goalkeeper Anabalon.

Perdomo, from the penalty spot, put Uruguay 2-1 in front in the 42nd after the referee awarded a very doubtful penalty.

The Uruguayans went further ahead in the 57th minute when Ciaramella crossed from the left and Melissourgios, with a header, scored the third.

Defender Lombardo reduced the difference for Costa Rica six minutes from the end.

On minute later, Costa Rican goalkeeper Saliadarre deflected in brilliant fashion a fierce 30-metre drive from Uruguayan midfielder Leo Arcosa.

Uruguay is the first team to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Man of the match: Leo Arcosa.

LEBANON 1 YUGOSLAVIA 1

Lebanon upset Yugoslavia in an encounter the Europeans can only blame themselves for losing.

While the Yugoslavs were more skillful and had control of the match, the Lebanese outfit was far more determined.

In the first half Yugoslavia created numerous chances in front of the Lebanese goal, but all went begging.

Lebanon improved in midfield in the second half to overcome technically superior opposition.

When everybody expected a draw, Lebanese striker Apanian, six minutes from the end, crossed the ball from the right.

Yugoslav defender Pavlovic handed it inside the box, and W. Apanian converted the penalty for the only goal of the match.

Man of the match: Tomasic.

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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10

6.30PM 0/35 SPAIN v ECUADOR
7.30PM 0/35 ITALY v GREECE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13

9.30AM 4/35 IRELAND v T.R. of N. CYPRUS
10.45AM 2/35 URUGUAY v GERMANY
12.00PM 2/35 ARGENTINA v EL SALVADOR
1.15PM 3 ITALY v SPAIN
3.00PM 2 COSTA RICA v PERU
5.00PM 1 CHILE v COLOMBIA
7.00PM 3 ASSYRIA v T.R. of N. CYPRUS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

9.15AM 3/35 AUSTRALIA v ROMANIA
10.45am 4 YUGOSLAVIA v IRELAND
12.30PM 1 ARGENTINA v KOREA
2.15PM 2 URUGUAY v ROMANIA
4.00PM 4 TURKEY v EL SALVADOR



Gladesville's top season — 56 teams in action

ONCE again the Gladesville Hornsby Women's Soccer Association raised its flag as one of Australia's most forward thinking organisations in the women's code.

The Ninth Grand Final Day at its Morrison Bay, Putney, headquarters brought to a climax a season of closely fought out competitions.

After completing 400 plus preliminary matches and over 80 round robin matches, the scene was set for the top two teams in each division and age group to do battle for the Championship.

The Under 12 final saw Russell Lea Eagles take on under dogs Gladesville Ravens White and after extra time with both teams still locked at 0-0, they were declared joint champions.

A similar story prevailed in the under 14 final, the combatants being Greystanes and Epping Eastwood.

After a hard fought 50 minutes plus 20 minutes extra time and with both teams still



Beecroft and the former running out 3-1 winners. At the completion of the Premiership Rounds the table read:

Division 1: Premiers — Epping Eastwood, Runners Up — Bluejays.

Division 2: Premiers — Epping Eastwood, Runners Up — Epping YMCA.

Division 3: Premiers — Gladesville RSL, Runners Up — Greystanes.

Division 4: Premiers — The Bats, Runners Up — St Joans.

Under 16: Premiers — Epping Eastwood, Runners Up — Winston Hills.

Under 14: Premiers — Greystanes, Runners Up — Castle Glen.

Under 12: Premiers — Russell Lea Eagles, Runners Up — Ryde District Panthers Blue.

"The standard of soccer played this season produced some very exciting results. Association president Lal Byers said.

"Gladesville Hornsby this year fielded a re-

Ravens walking away with the Second Division.

North Ryde won through to the grand final, downing Liverpool Olympic 2-1 in the major semi.

The Second Division Final brought together old rivals Gladesville Ravens and Epping Eastwood. With the two teams locked at 2-2, the final went into extra time when the latter won 3-1 on penalties.

The Division One grand final saw North Ryde RSL go down narrowly 1-0 to Liverpool Olympic after a fiercely fought battle.

The Division Two grand final was also a win to Liverpool Olympic defeating Epping Eastwood 1-0 in the last two minutes of extra time.

At NSW level, Gladesville Hornsby fared very well with 22 players gaining selection across the three state sides.

Under 15: M. Cotton, E. Cotton, E. Gibb, F. Mulrooney (Gladesville Ravens), D. Benetis, M. Loundar, P. Griffiths (Epping Eastwood), N. Merilina, K. Burke (Melita Eagles), M. Taylor (North Rocks), K. Randel (Castle Glen).

Under 18: V. Linton, J. Hornsby, O. Amvrazis, M. Geribo (Epping Eastwood), L. Stedman, T. Duncan (Gladesville Ravens).

Seniors: J. McPhee, K. Boyd, M. Dodd, J. Riddington, D. Pentecost, L. Vandorp (North Ryde RSL).

In the Under 15s Megan Cotton, Elizabeth Cotton, Eloise Gibb and Denise Benetis all gained selection into the Australian side.

The Under 18s saw Jane Hornsby as the only selection into the Australian team.

Mr Byers said: "Next year will see us celebrate our Tenth Anniversary and I can assure all involved in womens soccer that this will indeed be our biggest and brightest year to date".

Each year the Association conducts two competitions for primary and secondary schools.

Speaking in relation to junior development he said: "This target is attainable primarily due to the untiring efforts of Beryl Ackroyd (Ryde District Panthers), Norma Geribo (Russell Lea) and Pat Mork (Gladesville RSL).

"I believe these three deserve special mention amongst many others."

Plans for a very special 1991 anniversary tournament are well advanced.

Coaching courses are being arranged so that standards can be continually lifted.

"This undoubtedly qualifies us as the largest and most successful womens soccer association in Australia, boasting more players in our ranks than most state association's total registered numbers", Lal commented.

Of the five teams in the WSL, three figured prominently in the run to the finals.

North Ryde RSL finished as undefeated premiers of Division One with Gladesville



Epping Boys High, the best team from 440 schools in this year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup for under 15s, has no bother in expressing their joy for the photographer. The squad is: Mike Manoukian, Sivanan Selva, Brian Raeburn (captain), Tim Stratford, Darren Hoefsmi, Chris Giometti, Scott Tarrant, Ryan Adams, Peter Forest, Joel Organ, Darren Greg Welch, Mr R. Smith (coach-manager), Daniel Hong, Ryan Adams, Peter Forest, Joel Organ, Darren Lacey, David Burge, Mark Louis, Cameron Webb.

Ructions in Tassie

BY WALTER PLESS

LEIGHTON Hodge, coach of Tasmanian Cadbury State League club, Launceston Juventus, has been suspended for life after being found guilty of assaulting the referee during the Cadbury State League match between his club and league champion White Eagle at KGV Soccer Park on Saturday, September 15.

The match was abandoned after 69 minutes by referee Brett Mackay, with Launceston Juventus leading 1-0.

The penalty was imposed following a meeting of the State League Management Committee at Ross on Monday, September 24.

Hodge is suspended for life, both as a player and as a coach, and he is not permitted within the playing area of any ground under the control of the TSF.

Launceston Juventus committeeman, Peter Mies, was found guilty of foul and abusive language while acting as an official of the club.

He is not permitted within the playing area of any ground under the control of the TSF until January 1, 1992.

The Launceston Juventus club was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute as a result of the actions of its officials and it has been fined \$1000, half of which is suspended

until January 1, 1992, on condition that no further offences which may bring the game into disrepute are committed by the club.

The club and its two officials may appeal against the decisions to the TSF.

Hodge has said that he would lodge an appeal.

In addition to the penalties, the result of the match was awarded to White Eagle by a 3-0 scoreline.



Epping Boys High captain Brian Raeburn is proud of his school's win in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Soccer Cup series. Here he receives the trophy from Richard Watson, acting manager of the bank's Northern Country zone.

NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ROUND 3 ON SUNDAY

U/9: St Marys 3 Canterbury 1, Menal 1 Doonside 0, Seals Utd 2 Griffith 0, Marconi 9 Wakehurst 0.

U/10: Connells Point 1 Springwood 0, Menal 3 Birrong 0, Balgownie 2 Seals Utd 3, Marconi 2 Shoalhaven 1.

U/11: Springwood 4 Connells Point 2, East Banks-town 1 St Ives 0, Campbelltown 3 Shellharbour 1, Liverpool 1 St Augustines 0.

U/12: Apla 2 St Josephs 1, South Wallsend 2 Rooty Hill 0, Albion Park 1 Kenthurst 0, Marconi 6 Mitchell 0.

U/13: Hurstville 5 (pen) Londerry 4 (pen) CSI 1 Menal 0, Corral 3 Ingleburn Eagles 0, Mt Pritchard 5 St Augustines 2.

U/14: Apla 2 Blue Mountains 1, Bass Hill 1 Mt Colah 0, Ingleburn 2 Greystanes 0, Liverpool Albion 1 Wakehurst 0.

U/15: St Marys 2 Marrickville 1, Sylvania 4 Padstow 3, Gladesville Utd 2 Corral 0.

U/16: Warrington-Croatia 2 Puglia 0, Hunter 1 Maquarie 0, Roselea 1 Griffith 0, Abruzzi 2 Wakehurst 1.

U/17: St Marys 1 Connell Pt 0, Revesby 5, Adamstown 3, Granville 4 Epping YMCA 1.

U/18: Sans Souci 1 Werrington-Croatia 0, Blacktown Utd 2 Mt Colah 1, Granville 2 Normanhurst 1, Liverpool Albion 1 Wakehurst 0.

U/21: Kissing Pt 5 Panania 1, West Pennant Hills 6 Granville Kewpies 0.

ALL Age: Forest Rangers 3 Springwood 2, Engadine 3 Revesby 2, Dundas 2 Camden 1, Brookvale 3 Liverpool City Robins 0.

WOMEN U/17: Canterbury Junior 1 Condell Park A 0, Condell Park B 4 Liverpool Albion 0.

Round 4 next Sunday SEMI-FINALS.



GLADESVILLE UNITED U/15: Standing: (L-R) Sab Trabato (coach), J. Founta, G. Raptis, P. Koumbouzis, D. Brennan, S. Walls, B. Pintarik, N. Panagopoulos, J. Karaolis, B. Fountas (manager). Sitting: (L-R) J. Spiliarich, A. Pogers, N. Hasapis, C. Christou (captain), N. Magouretsios, B. Nakos, M. Refenes (trainer).

The Gladesville Hornsby women turned it on this season with top quality football.

scoreless, joint champions were declared.

The under 16 final brought together teams 1 and 2 of the Premiership — Epping Eastwood defeating Winston Hills 1-0.

Division Four brought together new club St Joans and Pandas, with the former winning 2-1.

Division Three saw Gladesville RSL and Greystanes fight it out with the latter RSL defeating a valiant Greystanes 2-0.

Division Two was the first of the local derbies pitting Epping Eastwood against Epping YMCA.

The game provided some good solid football with Epping Eastwood running out victors 3-1.

The other local derby was Division One with the combatants being Epping Eastwood and

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Marconi assists with visits to Fairfield

JUNIOR soccer supporters in the Bossley Park, Smithfield and Fairfield areas should keep their eyes open during Term 4 at their school in readiness for the Marconi soccer visits.

Ten schools will be visited over a two week period with all the club's stars avail-

able for coaching, advice and autographs.

Mon Oct 15: Prairievale PS

Tues Oct 16: Bossley Park PS

Wed Oct 17: Smithfield West PS

Thurs Oct 18: William Stinson PS

Fri Oct 19: Mary Immaculate PS

Mon Oct 22: St Johns Park HS

Tues Oct 23: Prairiewood HS

Wed Oct 24: Fair-

field HS

Thurs Oct 25: Bossley Park HS

Fri Oct 26: Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Each school player that is part of the soccer visit will receive a Marconi Supporters' book which is full of information on the club and its players.

It also contains a huge range of special offers and prizes if the person becomes a regular home supporter.



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS U/13: Jamie Amendolia, Saviour Falzon, Michael Gadd, Imbren Ismail, Nathan Moore, Domenic Murdocca, Raymond Panetta, John Panuccio, Sam Papaluca, Brandt Riley, Steven Rossetto, Pierangelo Sitta, Paul Spezza, Daniel Zamprogno, Vince Timpano. Coach: Potente Paolo. Pic: H. CARRASCO.

Wollongong's fine promotion

THE recent promotional encounter between the Lord Mayor's XI

from Wollongong and the Sydney-based Soceroos, which ended in a 0-0 draw, was further evidence of what can be achieved through the assistance of sponsors and existing soccer bodies.

The involvement of Growth Equities Mutual, who run the Crown Central Shopping Centre, Umbro, the Wollongong Wolves and the Illawarra Association were responsible for attracting an excellent crowd of 2000 paying customers.

As Crown Central's promotions manager, Charlie Yankos had the game well exposed in the shopping centre for the week prior to the game.

Players, officials, politicians and businessmen were well taken care of after the game and the entire night was a success.

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YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS FOR 1991 SEASONS



Will be held at Centenary Sports area, cnr Church & Lang Streets, Ashfield.

U/13 & U/14 Tuesdays October 16, 23, 30 & November 6th, 13, 20, 27.
Commencing 5.30pm-8pm

U/15 & U/17 Thursday October 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Commencing 5.30pm-8pm

The trials are open to all players in the respective age groups.

All inquiries to Mr Nick Matsias

(AH) 759 4373

NSW COACHING

In response to your article "Coaching Explosion in NSW" by David B. Lee, ASW Vol 11 No. 445, Mon Sept 3, I hope Mr Lee is looking for quality and not quantity.

Whilst I am sure that the renewed interest is a direct result of the World Cup, promotion work by Robbie Wheatley and the untiring work of the State Director of Coaching.

I would also like to applaud the idea of decentralisation of the coaching courses.

The reason for my letter is to comment on Mr Lees' statement regarding qualified staff with a flair.

He mentions an injury to Mick Jones, Les Bee's departure to Tasmania and Chris James having been lost to the Illawarra.

Now there is the return to the area of Mr Richard Evans.

In case you do not know Mr Evans is a level four coach, a State Instructor of Coaches and was on the recent FIFA Youth Academy at the AIS in Canberra.

For the last five years Mr Evans has been working in Queensland as a full time Regional Director of Coaching, and judging by his record he definitely has a flair for instruction.

He is now engaged in full time study at the University of New South Wales where he is studying for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Sports Science, with a major in sports coaching.

I am a regular reader of your paper and I have an interest in coaching, but it seems to me that the same people are always getting the credit and recognition.

So please let's give a little credit and recognition it is due.

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Henwood Park Lions at Wagga kept their two-year unbeaten record intact when they downed Henwood Park Tigers 2-1 in their under 12 grand final. Their 1989/90 record is 104 goals for and 7 against.

The players are: Rear: P. Pizarro (coach), Jame Thackeray, Daniel Merlino, Ben Waring, Andrew Lygoxris, Neil Keyser, Greg Moloney. Front: Daniel Pizarro, Wade Sheahes, Robie Davies, David Chapman, John Paton, Martin Rad (absent).



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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

A special notice to all school coaches and students — if your school has not entered into the Bill Turner Cup for players 15 years and under, contact the co-ordinator in your area for information.

For Queensland schools — Mr Roger Holcroft — Dakabin State High.

For all other areas — if you do not know your local co-ordinator — contact Terry Hampton at Wallsend High 049 511 811 or Bill Turner 049 54 8136.

Of the 453 schools entered in this year's Bill Turner Cup competition over 90 came from independent school systems. Five reached the pre-quarterfinals but none were able to make the semifinals.

To date the best effort came from St Peters, Maitland when they won the cup in 1988.

Four hundred and forty seven matches were played in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup this year to determine the winner.

Seventeen of those matches were determined by penalty kicks, with the Epping Boys vs Patrician Bros Fairfield match the only one after the last sixteen (pre-quarterfinals) were reached.

That game determined who would travel to Newcastle.

Kotara High in Newcastle and Sunnybank State High in South Brisbane enjoy sporting and social ties so it was readily agreed that when the Queenslanders reached the semifinals that they should be billeted by Kotara students.

A large group of those Kotara students rallied around to give real support at their matches.

A big green and white banner was created by the hosts and was proudly displayed at Macquarie Field surrounded by similarly coloured balloons and streamers. The Sunnybank players and teachers were most



A big crowd at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, was on hand to see Epping Boys High win the 1990 Bill Turner Cup final.

appreciative.

Those Kotara students have certainly set a great standard that other schools could emulate.

Neither Epping nor Lithgow chose to be billeted during their stay for the final series. One stayed in motel accommodations, the other chose the Police Boys Club at Windale — both in the Lake Macquarie area.

Everyone was impressed with the new format for the medals this year. Revamped by Bill Turner, the skillful Jenny Williams from Harrington designed the new medals.

Senior Co-ordinator, Terry Hampton bought and attached the bank's black and gold ribbons

to each medal.

Accompanying Alan Groth and the Lithgow squad as assistant coach was the very popular Bruce Wright. Bruce is personnel officer at the Defence Factory in Lithgow. He had been to Newcastle before with the school's open side in the seventies.

Mr Graham Pogson from the Centre Management of Charlestown Square, Newcastle, attended the final. At half-time in the Bill Turner Cup decider he was on hand to announce the winners of the \$50 scholarships.

He said it was pretty certain that he would be supporting the competition again in 1991 following the outstanding success of the promotion on the Tuesday morning when all four squads were introduced to the general public in the Centre Court.

When Mitchell played Richmond in Area 8 Sydney, eleven goals were scored in normal time with Mitchell winning 6-5. Edmund Rice and Kiama shared fifteen goals with the first mentioned scoring twelve.

Epping Boys scored the most number of goals in a match, 13. Scoring 12 were J.J. Cahill, Parkes and Gunnedah. On 11 were Epping, Westfield, Kurri and Marist Bros, Pagewood while on 10 were St Pius X Adamstown, Holroyd and Tumut. We chose not to list the losing sides.

South Melbourne after Gold

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas will be chasing a record-breaking eighth night Cup win when it tackles Brunswick Juventus in the Victorian Health Gold Cup final at Olympic Park in Melbourne on Wednesday night.

Hellas, also chasing a record-equalling third successive Gold Cup win in 1990, have taken Victoria's premier night cup back to Middle Park on seven previous occasions.

Its victory last year equalled that of Melbourne Croatia which has won two Gold Cups and five Ampol Cups, as the competition was previously known between its inception in 1955 and 1983, when it became known as the Gold Cup.

Hellas won the Ampol Cup in 1969, 1970, 1976 and 1982 and has since won the Gold Cup in 1984, 1988 and 1989.

Hellas, which has revelled in night matches

in seasons past, is favoured to equal that effort against Juventus this Wednesday night.

Juve, whose last night cup win was 31 years ago, had been the giant killer in both Dockerty and Gold Cup matches this season before its unlucky loss to Melbourne Croatia in the Dockerty Cup final last Sunday week.

Included amongst its scalps in the Dockerty Cup run was South Melbourne, which it beat convincingly 4-2 in the quarter-finals.

World wide fame for Purac



David Laime watches master coach Dusan Purac demonstrating his skills.

DUSAN Purac's unique coaching skills are continuing to receive world wide recognition. Enquiries from Italy, Fiji, France and his native Yugoslavia have been received, checking on his availability for full and part-time coaching positions.

'Darcy' however loves Sydney and will keep his amazing ball and coaching skills here for as long as demand dictates.

This month sees the completion of four years of coaching of Darcy's "Brazilian Soccer Coaching School".

Dubbed the "Coach of the Nineties" by parents of kids he has taught, Dusan has just had to expand his coaching nights to Monday as well as Friday (6pm Millers Reserve, Manly Vale) to meet the huge demand.

At just \$10 a session players are learning unique skills which will stay with them for a lifetime and give them that extra edge in competitive soccer.

Turn up or call Mark Blythe at Sportsforce for more details on 410 9819. Darcy was the youngest player to play in the Yugoslavian first division at just 16 years old, a testimony to his amazing natural talent.

His teacher was none other than ex-Socceroo coach Frank Arok. Many of Darcy's 'products' have won trials at top clubs and three have won contracts against stiff opposition at European clubs.

Sixteen year old David Laime is another quality player who has benefitted from Darcy's coaching and who is soon going overseas for trials. David is heading for Argentina to try for the big time with River Plate and a few other top Argentinian clubs.

FIFA, the World governing body on soccer, have praised Dusan's coaching skills after seeing his video "Soccer Skills". There can be no greater support of a person's soccer ability than recommendation by FIFA, itself.

NSW STATE LEAGUE WRAP-UP SHOTS



ABOVE: Wollongong Macedonia, the premiers and promoted club (light shirts), in action against Blacktown City at Gabbie Stadium. **AT RIGHT:** A Blacktown Demon (light jersey) battles with an Avala opponent at Austral Park.



Take a bow, Paul Goodwin

ON behalf of State League Division One and Two clubs, I wish to compliment your reporter Paul Goodwin for the exposure he has given both Divisions this season.

He is an excellent reporter, his match descriptions, informative comments and general knowledge of our game are always first class.

Paul was a great help to myself in putting together a semi-final and grand final series programme.

Without his assistance I could not have produced such a publication.

Both State League Division One and Two are indebted to Paul Goodwin for the amount of media coverage we have received in the 1990 season.

Many thanks for a job superbly done, and we sincerely hope that next year he will continue the good work.

Michael Deane
Publicity Officer
North Ryde 2113



Free books provide new soccer resource

AGREEMENT has been reached between the Australian National Printing Company and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation to have published 4000 soccer books for each Association in Sydney and larger Country Associations as well as Country Branches.

The books are for free distribution to junior players and through schools.

This should result in over 100,000 books being published and distributed over the next 2-3 years.

The books, to be titled, *Soccer, the World's Number One Sport*, will have a four colour cover and will contain rules of

the game with illustrations and mini-soccer information.

Also included will be a section on Soccer for fun and learning, codes of behaviour for players, parents, the media, coaches, teachers and spectators and, if possible, a few training drills.

Each Association/Branch will have its own logo on the cover of the books being distributed in its area as well as a section for local information.

These books will prove to be invaluable as a resource within schools for providing a wealth of information about Soccer, as well as encouraging greater participation in all areas of the code.

The first issue of

Soccer, The World's Number One Sport is being compiled for the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association area and will be ready for distribution towards the end of the year, with other Association's supplies following every 2-3 months.

Cec Bucello, General Manager of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, said that "provision of thousands of free copies of *Soccer, The World's Number One Sport* is part of an ongoing campaign to increase awareness of the code as well as provide more information on various aspects of soccer to as many people as possible.

"By doing this we expect a better understanding of the game which will

lead to greater interest, more spectators, more players and an improved overall profile."

Another benefit to come from the production of the book has been the opportunity for potential sponsors to become involved with soccer.

This has presented itself through the contact made by the publishers.

Sponsors are not only pleased to be able to advertise but also, in many cases, want to do more by direct involvement with local clubs.

All of these new sponsors looking for more involvement will be passed on to the relevant Association for distribution to local clubs for their mutual benefit.



DUNDAS UNITED: GRANVILLE DISTRICT 12/13s GRAND CHAMPIONS: Won W. Won Ian Douglas Shield for most successful team between 10 & 12. **BACK ROW:** G. Sheens, J. Hopfe, J. McDevitt, J.P. Gortan, P. Mplioas, D. Kyneur. **SECOND ROW:** D. Rode, D. Delavedova, D. Morabito, C. Wynn, R. Scognamiglio, C. Lauff, N. Sheens. **FRONT ROW:** D. Wragge, C. Otoy, Jim Mplioas. **MASCOT** George Mplioas. **Coach:** Gary Sheens.



Jurgen Klinsmann in action at Italia '90 has his shirt pulled. Inter Milan's West German ace scored the winner for Inter, in extra-time, against Rapid Vienna in the UEFA Cup last Wednesday.

Italians awesome in Cups

ITALIAN clubs are off to an awesome start in the 1990/91 European Cups.

All eight Italian teams are through to the next round of the three major competitions and another Italian clean sweep is a distinct possibility.

Least season, AC Milan, Sampdoria and Juventus scooped the pool and this season Italy is fielding a record eight clubs in Europe.

Napoli and AC Milan, who had a first round bye, are through in the Champions' Cup; Juventus, who thrashed Sliven of Bulgaria, and Sampdoria, who turned the tables on Kaiserslautern, have advanced in the Cup-Winners' Cup, and in the UEFA Cup, Inter Milan, Bologna, Roma and Atalanta have all qualified for the second round.

Italian clubs again demonstrated their uncanny ability to produce the required results in return matches as shown by Atalanta's 1-1 draw in Zagreb after drawing 0-0 with Dinamo in the first leg and Inter's 3-1 win over Rapid of Austria after a 2-1 loss in Vienna.

The major surprise of the first European round was the elimination of Dutch powerhouse PSV Eindhoven, now coached by Bobby Robson, by Montpellier of France in the UEFA

Cup.

Also out from the UEFA Cup is Roda Kerkrade of Holland. Graham Arnold did not score this time against Monaco.

Chris Kalantzis' Panathinaikos were unceremoniously bundled out of the Champions' Cup by Lech Poznan of Poland, but the two-Belgium based Aussies are through.

Eddie Krncevic's FC Liege downed Viking Stavanger of Holland and Frank Farina scored a goal in FC Brugge's 2-0 win over another Norwegian side, Lillestrom.

And Barcelona avenged a 1-0 defeat in the first round of the Cup-Winners' Cup in Turkey to thrash Trabzonspor 7-2 at home.

Most of the European giants scored a bag of goals last week, the sole exception being Marseille who were held to a scoreless draw in Albania after beating Dinamo Tirana 5-1 in the first leg.

The bad news for Marseille was that expensive Yugoslav signing Dragan Stojkovic may miss the rest of the season with a grave knee injury.

Both English clubs were untroubled to make it to the next round and the Scots also did well.

Amongst the big names eliminated were Portugal's Benfica, last

BY LOU GAUTIER

year's Champions' Cup finalists, who twice lost 1-0 to Roma.

The results:

CHAMPIONS' CUP (played Tuesday): Real Madrid 6 Odense 0 (Real qualify), Rangers 6 Valletta Malta 0 (Rangers qualify), Bayern Munich 4 Apollon Nicosia 0 (Bayern qualify).

UEFA CUP (played Tuesday): Admira Wacker 3 Vejle 0 (Wacker qualify), Vitesse Arnhem 0 Derry City 0 (Vitesse qualify), Lucerne 2 MTK Budapest 1 (Lucerne qualify), Bordeaux 2 Glenavon 0 (Bordeaux qualify), Chemnitz 0 Borussia Dortmund 2 (Dortmund qualify).

EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS
1st round, 2nd leg matches

EUROPEAN CUP
Dinamo Tirana (Alb) 0 Marseille (Fra) 0. Marseille won 5-1 on aggregate. Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2 Sparta Prague (Czech) 0 (1-0). Spartak won 4-0 on aggregate. Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) 1 Swarovski Tirol (Austria) 2 (0-1). Swarovski Tirol won 7-1 on aggregate. Ujpest Dozsa (Hung) 0 Napoli (Italy) 2 (0-2). Napoli won 5-0 on aggregate. Panathinaikos (Gre) 1 Lech Poznan (Pol) 2 (1-0). Lech Poznan won 5-1 on aggregate. Besiktas Istanbul (Turk) 2 Malmö (Swe) 2 (2-0). Malmö won 5-4 on aggregate. CFKA Sredez Sofia (Bulg) 3 Akurtyr (Ice) 0 (1-0). CFKA won 3-1 on aggregate. Club Brugge (Belg) 2 Lillestrom (Nor) 0 (1-0). Club Brugge won 3-1 on aggregate. Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) 1 Red Star Belgrade (Yugos) 4 (0-1). Red Star won 5-2 on aggregate. St. Patrick's Athletic (Ire) 1 Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1 (1-0). Dinamo won 5-1 on aggregate. Portadown (Nthn Ire) 1 Porto (Port) 8 (1-4). Porto won 13-1 on aggregate. Dynamo Dresden (Ger) 3 Union Luxembourg (Lux) 0 (3-0). Dynamo Dresden won 6-1 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP
Pecsi Munkacs (Hung) 0 Manchester United (Eng) 1 (0-0). Manchester United won 3-0 on aggregate. Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 5 Glentworth (Nthn Ire) 0 (3-0). Steaua won 6-1 on aggregate. Dukla Prague (Czech) 2 Sliema Wanderers (Malta) 0 (0-0). Dukla Prague won 4-1 on aggregate. Flamurtari Vlorë (Alb) 0 Olympiakos (Gre) 2 (0-0). Olympiakos won 5-1 on aggregate. Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 4 Kuopion Palloseura (Fin) 0 (2-0). Dynamo Kiev won 6-2 on aggregate. Lyngby (Den) 0 Wrexham (Wales) 1 (0-1). Wrexham won 1-0 on aggregate. Djurgården (Swe) 1 Fram Reykjavik (Ice) 1 (0-1). Fram

won 4-1 on aggregate. Swift Hesperange (Lux) 0 Legia Warsaw (Pol) 3 (0-0). Legia Warsaw won 6-0 on aggregate. Austria Vienna (Austria) 0 Schwerin (Ger) 0. Austria Vienna won 2-0 on aggregate. PSV Eindhoven (Neth) 0 Montpellier (Fra) 0. Montpellier won 1-0 on aggregate. FC Liege (Belg) 3 Viking Stavanger (Nor) 0 (2-0). Liege won 5-0 on aggregate. Aberdeen (Scot) 3 Salamina Famagusta (Cyprus) 0 (2-0). Aberdeen won 5-0 on aggregate. Juventus (Italy) 6 Sliven (Bulg) 1 (3-0). Juventus won 8-1 on aggregate. Barcelona (Spain) 7 Trabzonspor (Turk) 2 (5-1). Barcelona won 7-3 on aggregate. Sampdoria (Italy) 2 Kaiserslautern (Ger) 0 (1-0). Sampdoria won 2-1 on aggregate. Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 1 Estoril Amadora (Port) 1 (after extra-time, half-time 0-0, after 90 mins 1-1). Aggregate score, 2-2. Estoril Amadora won 4-3 on penalties.

UEFA CUP
Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 1 Partizan Tirana (Alb) 0 (0-0). Universitatea won 2-0 on aggregate. Petrolul Ploiesti (Rom) 0 Anderlecht (Belg) 2 (0-1). Anderlecht won 4-0 on aggregate. Rovaniemi Palloseura (Fin) 0 Magdeburg (Ger) 1 (0-1). Magdeburg won 1-0 on aggregate. Inter Bratislava (Slov) 5 Avon Beggen (Lux) 0 (2-0). Inter Bratislava won 6-2 on aggregate. Ferencváros (Hung) 3 Antwerp (Belg) 1 (after extra-time, half-time 0-0, score at 90 mins 0-0). Ferencváros won 3-1 on aggregate. Turun Palloseura (Fin) 0 Katowice (Pol) 1 (0-1). Katowice won 4-0 on aggregate. Cologne (Ger) 3 IFK Norrköping (Swe) 1 (0-1). Cologne won 3-1 on aggregate. GAIS (Swe) 1 Torpedo Moscow (USSR) 1 (0-1). Torpedo won 5-2 on aggregate. Banik Ostrava (Czech) 1 Aston Villa (Eng) 2 (1-0). Aston Villa won 5-2 on aggregate. Partizan Belgrade (Yugos) 2 Hibernians (Malta) 0 (1-0). Partizan won 5-0 on aggregate. Dinamo Zagreb (Yugos) 1 Atalanta (Italy) 1 (0-0). Aggregate score 1-1. Atalanta won on away goal. Monaco (Fra) 3 Roda JC Kerkrade (Neth) 1 (1-0). Monaco won 6-2 on aggregate. Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1 Politehnica Timisoara (Rom) 0 (0-0). Politehnica won 2-1 on aggregate. Omonia (Cyprus) 4 Slavia Sofia (Bulg) 2 (after extra-time, half-time 1-1, score at 90 mins 2-1). Omonia won 5-4 on aggregate. Twente Enschede (Neth) 1 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 1 (after extra-time, half-time 0-0, after 90 mins 1-0). Bayer Leverkusen won 2-1 on aggregate. Eintracht Frankfurt (Ger) 4 Brøndby (Den) 1 (3-1). Brøndby won 6-4 on aggregate. PAOK Salonika (Greece) 0 Seville (Spain) 0 (after extra-time). Aggregate score 0-0. Seville won 4-3 on penalties. Mechelen (Belg) 2 Sporting Lisbon (Port) 2 (1-1). Sporting Lisbon won 3-2 on aggregate. Hearts (Scot) 3 Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) 1 (3-1). Hearts won 4-2 on aggregate. Dundee United (Scot) 2 Hafnarfjörður (Ice) 2

(0-2). Dundee United won 5-3 on aggregate. Bologna (Italy) 1 Zagłębie Lubin (Pol) 0 (0-0). Bologna won 2-0 on aggregate. Rosenborg BK (Nor) 2 Chernomorets Odessa (USSR) 1. Chernomorets won 4-3 on aggregate. Benfica (Port) 0 AS Roma (Italy) 1 (0-1). Roma won 2-0 on aggregate. Internazionale Milan (Italy) 3 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (after extra-time, half-time 0-0, score at 90 mins 2-1). Internazionale won 4-3 on aggregate. Vitoria Guimaraes (Port) 2 Fenerbahçe Istanbul (Turk) 3 (1-3). Fenerbahçe won 6-2 on aggregate. Valencia (Spain) 2 Iraklis Salonika (Gre) 0 (after extra-time, half-time 0-0, score at 90 mins 0-0). Valencia won 2-0 on aggregate.

GERMAN RIOTS BEFORE D-DAY

EAST German soccer fans hurling bottles and cans forced officials to abandon a First Division game last Saturday week, capping two days of violence at stadiums around the country.

The referee stopped the match between Saxony Leipzig and Carl Zeiss Jena in the 83rd minute as missiles flew around the pitch.

Visitor Carl Zeiss was leading 1-0.

Hooligans also disrupted all three East German league matches in the final weekend before German unification.

In Halle, Chemie Halle and Magdeburg players left the pitch while police restored order in the stands and in Chemnitz, where the home side lost 2-0 to Hansa Rostock, rockets were fired from the crowd.

Violence spilled on to the streets of East Berlin after Berlin's 1-0 victory over Lokomotive Leipzig as several hundred skinheads rampaged

through the city centre throwing stones and shouting Nazi slogans.

Hansa Rostock was top of the table when the country disappeared in the merger between the two Germans although the East German league will continue after unification until the end of the season.

NO ISRAEL FOR AUSSIES

THE Oceania World Cup Youth qualifying series, which involves Australia and New Zealand, will not be held in Israel as planned because of the Gulf crisis.

FIFA says it has suspended the Israel tournament in response to a unanimous request from the Oceania nations.

The Oceania countries were concerned about the safety of players if the event took place in Israel and had approached FIFA over moving the tournament.

A new venue will be announced later this month by FIFA.

IRAN WINS ASIAN GOLD

IRAN have won the gold medal for soccer at the Asian Games.

They beat North Korea 4-1 in a penalty shoot-out after the teams were locked at 0-0 after 120 minutes.

South Korea beat Thailand 1-0 to take the bronze.

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Montpellier v Steaua Bucharest, Dynamo Kiev v Dukla Prague, Manchester Utd v Wrexham, Olympiakos v Sampdoria, Barcelona v Fram Reykjavik, FC Liege v Estrela da Amadora, Aberdeen v Legia Warsaw, Austria Vienna v Juventus.

UEFA CUP:
Lucerne v Admira Wacker, Katowice v Bayer Leverkusen, Real Sociedad v Partizan, Aston Villa v Inter Milan, Torpedo Moscow v Sevilla, Brøndby v Ferencváros, Hearts v Bologna, Fenerbahçe v Atalanta, Sporting Lisbon v Politehnica Timisoara, Magdeburg v Bordeaux, Valencia v Roma, Chernomorets Odessa v Monaco, Universitatea Craiova v Borussia Dortmund, Omonia Nicosia v Anderlecht, FC Köln v Inter Bratislava, Vitesse Arnhem v Dundee Utd.

Matches to be played on October 24 and November 7.



Portugal



France

Unification to make Germans even stronger

NATIONAL coach Berti Vogts, who already enjoys being in charge of a world-beating team, will be even more spoilt for choice after German unification.

He will inherit an array of highly-motivated East German players, many of whom have burst on to the West German scene this season after transfers to Bundesliga clubs.

Luckily, he has until March to make his mind up.

With the two soccer federations not merging officially until November following the political unification on October 3, Vogts is not scheduled to field an all-German team until a friendly against the Soviet Union on March 27 in Frankfurt.

Several East German players, who say they feel more free to play the game away from the distractions of their former life under Communist rule in the East, will be strong contenders for places in Vogts' first united German squad.

Midfielder Matthias Sammer, VfB Stuttgart's 23-year-old new buy from Dynamo Dresden, is regarded as one of the leading Eastern lights.

"He is a man for the German side," said Vogts, successor to World Cup-winning coach Franz Beckenbauer.

interrogation and a hefty fine by East German standards of \$2,000.

"If they had eavesdropped on our conversation at the time, I probably would never have played soccer again," Sammer said.

His skills, however, survived.

While Andreas Moller and Thomas Hassler are tipped to take over from the ageing Pierre Littbarski, Guido Buchwald and Lothar Matthaus as Germany's future midfield stars, Sammer may well push into the reckoning in the qualifying campaign for the 1992 campaign for the European Championship.

"Matthias is already further on than Moller," said Buchwald, a key figure in West Germany's triumph in Italy.

The first player to go West last season, 25-year-old Thom has coped well with the publicity surrounding his transfer from Dynamo Berlin.

His partner, Kirsten, 24, is joint top scorer in the Bundesliga so far this season with four goals.

Push

Both are certain to push Italian-based strikers Juergen Klinsmann, Rudi Voller and Karl-Heinz Riedle for selection in a squad that must be the envy of many national team coaches.

Ernst, who won 56 caps for East Germany, puts the success of East German players down to a new freedom to play without outside pressures.

Often simple things were more difficult to get done in the former Communist state.

In contrast to East Germany, the players can now concentrate on playing soccer while the western club takes care of off-field affairs.

"You need a clear head to play soccer well," 28-year-old Ernst said.

"That was not always the case before.

"When I started to build a house a few years ago, I wasted a lot of free time trying to get the material for the builders to use," he said.

"I got a phone call once during a training camp before a game that they had run out of cement.

"In the end league trainer Juergen Bogs fetched a few bags

Partnership

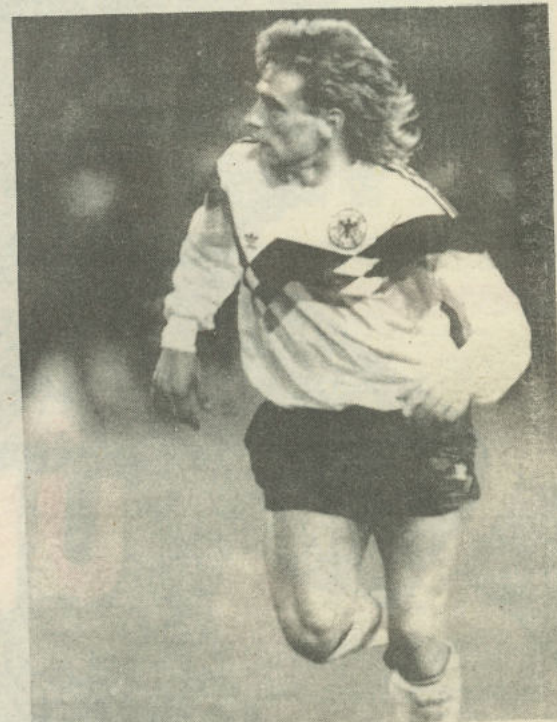
Andreas Thom and Ulf Kirsten have brought a successful striking partnership to Bayer Leverkusen after developing their skills together as East German youth internationals.

Rainer Ernst has been an important midfielder playmaker in Kaiserslautern's good start to the season and Hamburg have found striker Thomas Doll and defender Frank Rohde very useful buys.

Sammer, capped 22 times for East Germany, has sprung to life with his new freedom, scoring three goals in the first seven games of the season. Yet his career went very close to being cut short before the Berlin Wall crumbled last November.

Under the beady eye of East Germany's former secret police, who monitored carefully the movements of sports stars, Sammer got into trouble for a casual conversation over a beer with the coach of a West German club while he was at Dynamo Dresden.

The chat with Arie Haan, VfB's Dutch former coach who is now at Nuremberg, cost Sammer a police



THOMAS HASSLER — West Germany's crack defensive midfielder.

from his house as they could carry on building while the game was on ... Here things are very different.

"The club takes care of everything. I just have to concentrate on soccer."

After political unification last week, the former East German players will have a superb opportunity to show off their talents when an East German

select side plays for the last time in a friendly against West Germany in Leipzig on November 21.

The game was to have been a European Championship qualifying group match before East Germany withdrew from the competition.

But, as a trial for an all-German squad, the match is unlikely to lack a competitive edge.

Outdoor League soon for America

THE US Soccer Federation has appointed a 16-member committee to develop plans for setting up a nationwide professional league.

The committee will include representatives of current professional indoor and outdoor leagues, team owners and other prominent figures in the sport.

"We feel the time is right to bring the entire US soccer family together to plan for the future," said Rothenberg, who took over from Werner Fricker in August.

"The development of professional soccer in the United States into a national professional outdoor league is critical to player development, spectator growth, and a renewed interest from television and corporate America."

The United States has been without a top-level national league scene the North

American Soccer League folded in 1985.

Earlier this year the American and Western regional leagues began a merger which will result in the American Professional Soccer League and two indoor leagues adopted new names to prepare for expansion to outdoor plan.

Demand for a top-quality league has increased since the United States qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time in 40 years.

The US team lost all three group matches in Italy but seven members of the World Cup squad have been signed by European clubs.

"Our youth system, which is one of the largest in the world, produces many talented players each year," Rothenberg said.

"Our aim is to ensure a nationwide professional environment to which these gifted outdoor players can aspire."

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'Toto' Schillaci takes a spill against Argentina in the 1990 World Cup semi-final. His club Juventus is off to a mediocre start in the Italian league but won big in the European Cup-Winners' Cup last Wednesday.

Soccer-bashing — American style

BY DUNCAN IRVING*

IT's too slow, too boring, there isn't enough scoring, you can't use your hands, there's no space for commercials, it's foreign and worst of all, we're not very good at it.

The involvement of the US national team at Italia '90 and the impending staging of the 1994 finals prompted several of the larger American newspapers to dispatch reporters to Italy for the duration of the finals.

But most of the vociferous criticism came from those left behind, many of whom harboured no interest in soccer, or even, in some cases, sport as a whole.

If anything, Italia '90 provided a journalistic free-for-all of narrow-minded opinion, cheap one-liners, xenophobia and racial stereotyping, most of which had been rehashed from past World Cups.

In a community where analysis of a sport that is unfamiliar to a huge sector of the public should be at a premium, it was possible to scan through the pages and find nothing more cogent than the description of soccer as "a load of men in shorts, kicking lumps out of each other."

The *Wichita Eagle's* associate editor David Awbrey believed a good soccer bashing was worthy of space on the newspaper's editorial page.

In his commentary, "Americans should give soccer the boot," he saw something shady in the spread of soccer in the suburbs of America.

The rise of soccer was "part of a plot by feminist-influenced yuppie women to emasculate the American male."

In short by denying their children the contact of American football, the intricacies of baseball, "the artichoke and Volvo set" were breaking a male-bonding tradition between fathers and sons.

Awbrey wrote that the world's great soccer powers haven't won any wars lately.

Would the US emergence as a soccer power, Awbrey asks, diminish its status as a world power?

Should readers be alarmed that this de-

mented logic comes from a newspaper editor?

Soccer America called Awbrey to find out whether he was indeed serious.

"I wrote the piece very much tongue-in-cheek," said Awbrey.

"What I wanted to do was air a few social prejudices and see what the response was."

The response?

"I got a lot of letters (ranging from) the 10-year-old boy berating me for questioning his masculinity," he said, "to people questioning everything from my background to my right to exist."

"It was great fun for a while. Seriously, it's a fascinating game, but this World Cup was a little disappointing."

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Juventus' \$18 million man Roberto Baggio confirmed his worth — and class — with a brilliant goal in Italy's recent 1-0 win over Holland. Baggio will be one of Italy's trump cards when they meet Hungary in their Euro-92 qualifier later this month.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



- Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpidou, who broke his leg in the World Cup match between Argentina and the Soviet Union in Naples, hopes to be playing again by December. Pumpidou is back in Spain, undergoing physiotherapy with his club, Betis.
- Costa Rica could be banned from international competition because documents have shown that they fielded over-age players, including Italia '90 star Hernan Medford, in the 1985 World under 16 Cup finals in China.
- Benfica's Swedish striker Mats Magnusson can only start training in November. He underwent a knee operation two months ago.
- Roma striker Andrea Carnevale, who played for Napoli last season, has been fined \$4,000 for criticising Italian national team supremo Azeglio Vicini in the press. Carnevale was not happy at being sparsely used in the World Cup finals.
- There has been no great rush to sign Soviet international goalkeeper Renat Dassayev, who has been let go by his Spanish club Sevilla. Dassayev might remain with the club, as goalkeeping coach.
- Former Brazilian star Junior has started a new career — as a pop singer. He is so successful that he has been invited to sing in Japan. Junior still plays football, though — with Flamengo.
- In order to fill Spanish stadiums during the Olympic tournament, Barcelona officials are selling cheap tickets to all matches. The top admission charge will be \$20.
- Bundesliga strugglers Hertha Berlin have signed Armin Gotz, the German veteran who has been playing for Beveren, of Belgium, for the past six seasons.
- Eli Ohana is back in Israel after an unsuccessful trial with Nottingham Forest. He is adamant he will never return to his former club Mechelen.
- Sandro Ciotti, the presenter of Italy's top soccer programme, "Domenica Sportiva", suffered a heart attack and will be out of action until the end of November.
- David Chabala, the goalkeeper of Zambia's national team, is trialling with English Second Division side West Bromwich.
- Sergei Gotsmanov, the Soviet international striker, is to join English First Division side Southampton for \$235,000. The 30-year-old, who played at nearby Second Division club Brighton on loan for three months during the last English season, flew into England from Minsk last week. Gotsmanov joins compatriot Alex Cherednik at the Dell. The fullback was signed for Saints for Dnepr last season for \$700,000.
- Promoted Sunderland have turned their attention to Bradford defender Brian Mitchell after Arsenal rejected their moves for Steve Bould. The 26-year-old former Aberdeen defender has just turned down a new contract at Bradford and insists he will not be going down to the Third Division.
- Coventry boss John Sillett is lining up a bid for Leyton Orient's 23-year-old midfielder Lee Harvey, a former England youth international.
- Argentina striker Ariel Cozoni has signed a four year contract with Nice, the French First Division club. The 26-year-old was Argentina's leading goalscorer last year with 23 goals in 32 championship games for Rosario.
- Newly promoted Bundesliga club Hertha Berlin will be the best supported club in West Germany. Hertha started the season with 43,883 season ticket holders.
- East German side FC Chemnitz have signed a Hungarian striker, Jozsef Dzurjak, from Ferencvaros.
- Kuwait's national team players were in camp in Vichy, France, when they learned of their country's invasion by Iraq.
- Bodo Illgner has been voted West German Goalkeeper of the Year for 1989/90. The World Cup winner finished ahead of Aumann and Stein.
- English international Tony Woodcock, who spent most of his career in West Germany, will have a testimonial match in Cologne on October 9. A selection of English internationals, including Shilton, Lineker, and Butcher, will meet a German select, which will field players like Schuster, Littbarki, Steiner and Overath.
- Norwegian international striker Jorn Andersen has moved from Eintracht Frankfurt to another West Germany Bundesliga side, Fortuna Dusseldorf.
- Yugoslav defender Zoran Vujovic has been transferred from First Division French club Cannes to Division Three outfit Vallauris.
- Rachidi Yekini, the Nigerian international striker, has joined Portuguese First Division club Vitoria Setubal from Africa Sports of Abidjan for an undisclosed fee. Yekini, who has spent three seasons in the Ivory Coast, has signed a two-year contract.